

Development Officer Update – 17th November 2015

Broadband

The meeting with Alasdair Allan went well, he has written to BT and HIE asking for a meeting with us. He visited the Cliff and met Hebrides Metocean staff and had a look at the work that was taking place there. We informed him of all the businesses who had been in contact regarding the cost of internet packages.

Seilebost School

An update will be given at the board meeting.

Flensburg Students

Wulf confirmed that they group will be staying in Rodel in the holiday homes there. I'll be putting a note into the news letter about their visit in February. Wulf said the students are preparing for their visit and working on presentations with the following themes

- Hydro in West Harris: Resources, technology, economy (basically range of investment)
- Wind energy in West Harris: Resources, technology, economy (basically range of investment)
- Economic feasibility studies: feed-in tariffs, support policies, support schemes
- Environmental Impact of hydropower and wind and related regulations
- Energizing local economies through community renewable energy
- Energy system solutions for rural communities with limited grid access
- Data collection (questionnaire development)

Community Emergency Plan

Hoping to get a finalised copy for this winter and will have a discussion on vulnerable residents in the area. An individual household plan will be distributed with the next newsletter.