

Centre & Event Manager Update – 11th October 2016

Licensing & Training: The final details of the premises license are almost agreed.

Advertising: We have signed up for a page advert in the Heb magazine with an editorial. Events will do an editorial. I have contacted the Tenants to work on some shared advertising.

Restaurant: Negotiations for the lease of the restaurant are almost complete.

Weddings: One written estimate has been sent out for a wedding in 2018

Business Units: The sub-committee will be meeting soon to discuss an application received for the last remaining business unit.

Furniture, Fixtures and fittings:

Tetrad are making us Scatter cushions in the Talla na Mara tweed for the sofas. The chairs have been made and are being stored until the Centre is complete. A sample table has arrived and samples of the stage finish have been received. Quotes for the office furniture have been received. Details of servery design to be discussed.

Laundry Facility

I have got some quotes for coin operated washing machines and dryers. The cost is more than double the price of a large semi-commercial washing machine, an honesty system for use of the laundry facilities could be considered.

Electric Vehicle and chargepoint funding: The chargepoints are being installed during the second week of November after the final tarmac has been finished.

Housewarming Party

As the opening ceremony is delayed until Spring I would like to organise a small community party to mark the completion of the building. The volunteer committee will meet soon to organise details.

Opening Ceremony

I have completed a funding application to the Big Lottery Celebrate fund to pay for some of the costs of the formal opening event. It was suggested that we include a display of old photographs and I have asked An Lanntair for their advice on producing exhibition quality photographs from old copies. JF may be available to perform at the event and we still waiting hoping BF will cut the ribbon.

Gallery

An Lanntair will help us find local artists through their mentorship scheme and will recommend exhibitions for us to host. They can also lend us items and help with some support on curating collections and exhibiting items. I would like to host an Open Gallery Events when the building is complete and invite local artists, art promoters and other organisations who may contribute to exhibitions such as the Harris Tweed Authority and the Museum.

Other Events

I have had another meeting with Arts nan Eilean about hosting a Film Club which they will fund.