

Development Officer Update – 26th April 2017

Seilebost School

I submitted a draft of LEADER application. This was checked by Charlene who has been looking after our case. I had based the pricing on the surveys and costings from Torrance Surveyors that were carried out when the Trust purchased the school in 2014. We thought this would be acceptable based on the initial meeting we had with LEADER in early 2016. Unfortunately the prices need to be no more than 6 months old. This will delay our application for approximately 6 months as we will have to go out to tender for a design team to be put in place, then get quotes for the building work.

On the positive side we will now have actual costs from builders rather than estimates from the surveyor.

This item has been removed due to for confidentiality reasons. Once the need for confidentiality is passed, this will be reinstated.

Campervans – Seilebost

Campervans hook ups were used for a few nights at the school due to the hook ups at Talla na Mara being temporarily closed in April for a week. They are now closed again until the 15th of May. There will be locks placed on the internal doors and the handle will be changed for access to the toilets. Ann has been asked to clean the toilets over the season and Caroline is happy to direct customers to us at the centre if there are customers not booked in.

Signage at Niseaboist Beach

After discussion in the office we think a sign saying something regarding environmental & archaeological damage please avoid camping in this area? Any other suggestions are welcome.

Just Enterprise – Tendering Session

I was asked if I wanted to go to this workshop as she thought it might be beneficial. This support is aimed at third sector organisations with little or no knowledge of public sector tendering and who want to understand the principles and processes involved. I thought this would be useful for when the redevelopment of the school starts. We covered -

- Understanding the terminology
- Where to find opportunities - including an overview of Public Contracts Scotland
- Legal considerations and the rules surrounding tendering
- How to get ready to tender
- How buyers evaluate bids

Local Development Officer Event - Inverness

Neil C is attending this with me – weather permitting!

John Muir Trust

Sandy will be arriving with around 18 volunteers on Thursday at 9am at the centre, some of the volunteers will go to the golf club and the rest will work here all day on Thursday. The turf will be delivered on Wednesday afternoon from Stornoway and delivery is expected of 2 tonne bags of sand. We agreed last year to host the volunteers with a meal at the new centre, but with the delays in the building this didn't happen. North Harris Trust asked if we could do it this year for them instead as they have done it for the past few years. We have agreed to lay on some food down at the school.

Ladies will help serve if required, directors invited to show appreciation.

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24th April 2017