

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER UPDATE – 5th November 2016

Gleann Dubhlinn hydro scheme

Renewables First will be returning in late November to make some adjustments to the coanda screen on the weir.

Horgabost Wind Turbine

There have been some issues with the modem switching itself off due to voltage fluctuations, but these appear to have been fixed.

Pairc Niseaboist- Community Building

Completion is expected at the end of November. All floorcoverings are down apart from the hall and foyer. The kitchen is to be installed w/c 7th November as are the control systems for the heating and plant room. The decking area is under construction. HIE intend to send a team to film the centre and its energy management system in particular later in November.

Pairc Niseaboist- HHP Housing

The housing is complete and 6 families have taken up lets. The official opening will be in December.

Plot Sales/New-Builds

A second plot has been allocated at Luskentyre with the deposit due shortly.

CLS Oral History Pilot

Community Land Scotland have secured funding for a pilot scheme to record the oral history of community land ownership. The pilot will cover Harris as it has had an interesting combination of 3 buyouts and 1 gift of land. Murdo and I attended the first meeting of a reference group to oversee the project on 4th November. Volunteers will be recruited via an advert and article in De Tha Dol in November and will be trained in interviewing by a professional historian.

CLS WI

The Galson Trust are hosting what is planned to be the first meeting of regular get togethers of staff working in developing projects for community landowners in the Western Isles on 17th November. The aim is to share experiences and to learn from one another so as to improve our effectiveness.

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