

Centre & Event Manager Update – 24th February 2017

Moving in: Three of the business Unit tenants have signed their leases and received their keys they are moving in this week. The RSPB staff have moved across to their new office. Siar Beauty are starting advertising and expect to have clients in the treatment room in the next two weeks. The restaurant still has to sign their lease but they are preparing to move in this week for the first catered event on the 2nd March.

Booking: Shorewatch (Marine Mammal Conservation Group) are booking the hall on the 22nd April 10am -3pm for a training event. Everyone Welcome.

Advertising: I am booking a stand at the Highland Wedding Show in September.

Recruitment & Training: We have had some interest in the cleaning and handyman posts. To be advertised in De Tha Dol and Facebook pages. There will be a staff and volunteer training day on the 27th February.

Merchandise

- The design for the map image should be ready in a couple of weeks so we can order mugs and coasters.
- Buth Bheag have offered us their Niseaboist candle exclusively for sale at Talla na Mara at a heavily discounted trade price. The minimum order amount is £300.
- I am getting a sample of the soap that has been designed for us on Saturday.

Funding applications

Cycle Scotland application was successful and the Bord na Gàidhlig application was also successful.

Furniture, Fixtures and fittings:

- Volunteers needed to get the curtain rail and the Gallery rails up.

Events

- Film screenings The Grump 23rd February, The Jungle Book 18th March, Deep Water Horizon 23rd March
- Conference booked for Community Energy Scotland on 2nd March.
- Restaurant Opening Event: 3rd March - Formal ticketed event with three-course meal, entertainment and bar with profits going to the Defibrillator fund. If anyone has suggestions for raffle or auction prizes that would be great.
- Surfers Against Sewage Beach Clean at Niseaboist with the North Harris Trust on the 4th April
- Puppet Animation Festival Performances at 2pm and 6pm on April 7th
- “HoRo” performance 27th May
- Opening Ceremony: Date and format TBC

Harris Locality Planning Group

Yesterday I attended a meeting for the Health and Social Care steering group for Harris. It has been proposed that a locality plan should be drawn up in the next few months and the contribution of the Trusts has been requested.