

MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 19th June 2018

1. Attendance

Present: Murdo Mackay (Chairman), Neil Campbell (Secretary), Roddy MacDonald (Vice Chairman), Neil MacDonald, Finlay MacLennan, Carole Melville, Rhoda MacDonald, Richard MacLennan, Norman Iain Mackay, Linda Armstrong (Commercial Manager), Deborah Coghil (Administrator), Angus MacLennan (Facilities Manager) and Kyle Mackinnon (Admin Assistant).

Apologies: Dougie Ferguson and George Macleod

2. Declaration of Interest:

There were no declaration of interests.

3. Approval of Minutes 22nd May 2018

The minutes were approved.

4. Action Points

Cattle grid – Cattle grid has been bolted down and will be painted with a “grip kit” in the coming weeks.

Pairst Niseaboist Houses – Traffic control measures report discussed. It was agreed to trial larger signs initially.

5. Updates

Financial

Accounts for the period 01/01/17-31/12/17 were presented and approved.

The profit and loss report for the period 01/01/18-31/03/18 was noted, see appendix 1.

Roddy MacDonald asked how much money actually belongs to the Trust, Linda to email response.

Commercial Manager’s Report (appendix 2)

Julie Deconchat interviews – Julie Deconchat, a French student will be in Harris during July as part of her master’s degree. There was a request for volunteers to attend interviews. Murdo Mackay, Roddy Macdonald and Chris Loye agreed to take part.

Bike Shelter – The Bike Shelter at Talla na Mara has been installed.

Facilities Manager’s Report (appendix 3)

Snagging – There is still roughly 50% of the snagging list outstanding as a result it was decided that a formal letter be sent and that a meeting should be held with the builders and the architects.

6. **Health and Safety**

Angus and Linda have been booked into a First Aid Course on the 23rd August.

7. **AOCB**

Broadband: An application has been made to the Community Fibre Partnership. Awaiting an estimate of the cost for installation of a Fibre cabinet to supply Talla na Mara, Pairc Niseabost and Horgabost. Households can apply for grants of £500 and Businesses can apply for grants of £3000 to contribute towards the costs. Roddy MacDonald is happy to get involved.

Refuse Disposal: Seilebost Bins – Ward funding of £250 has been received to go toward the cost of installing a bin for public use in Seilebost. Finlay MacLennan suggested the best location would be at the School road end.

Beach Cleaning: The council will collect waste gathered by organised beach cleans if made aware before they take place. People who collect rubbish are recommended to go to the Urgha recycling depot. It was suggested that the Trust could organise a beach clean.

Cockle Fishing: Meeting to be arranged.

Community Land Week: Community Land Week is the 11th-19th August. There is £300 funding towards the running of an event that brings attention to the importance of community land ownership. It was decided that a Hydro/Turbine visit would be a suitable event.

Date of AGM: It was agreed that the AGM take place in the Community Space in Talla na Mara on Tuesday 28th August at 7:30pm.

8. **Brainstorming**

Rabbits and possibility of Myxomatosis.

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9. **Date of Next Meeting:**

August 21st in Talla na Mara

Diary Dates for future meetings:

- August 21st
- Sept 18th

- Nov 20th
- December 18th