

## MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 6.30pm

### 1. Attendance

Present: Murdo MacKay (Chairman, arrived 7.05pm), Roddy MacDonald, Neil Campbell (Secretary), Neil MacDonald, Rhoda MacDonald, George MacLeod, Finlay MacLennan, Richard MacLennan (arrived 6.38pm), Linda Armstrong (Commercial Manager) and Deborah Coghill (Administrator)

Clara Risi, the John Muir Trust Ranger was also in attendance to introduce herself to the Directors and gave a brief outline of the work she is hoping to undertake. Arrange to meet with Rhoda at the school on Monday 23 March at 3.30pm. Clara then left the meeting.

*Richard MacLennan arrived 6.38pm*

**Apologies:** Diana Calvert, Dougie Ferguson, and Norman Ian MacKay

**Appointment of Acting Chairman:** In the absence of Mr Murdo MacKay, Chairman, Mr Roddy MacDonald took the Chair, with the approval of the Meeting until Murdo arrived.

2. **Declaration of Interest:** No Declarations of Interest

3. **Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020:** Approved

4. **Action Points:** See Updates (below)

5. **Updates**

**Financial : (Appendix 1):** Cash Flow Projections were presented along with the February Profit & Loss YTD figures.

**Commercial Manager’s Report (Appendix 2):**

**Staff:** Rachel’s revised role was going to be very much a customer facing role, so it was agreed to carry on with this depending how busy the Centre is. An experienced Development Officer would be of great benefit to the Trust, Agreed to go ahead and advertise this post when the opportunity arises.

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**Aspiring Communities Fund:** Linda is looking for a Director to come forward as a representative for this.

**Restaurant Tenancy:** Iain Weir has arrived and is keen to get going in the next few weeks with a limited menu.

**Weddings:** MK and the brides want to know whether the weddings are going to proceed. This is not a decision for the Trust to take as the weddings have been arranged with the MK.

**Retention:** This has now been paid and the building has its Final Certificate.

**Broadband:** Seilebost, Pairc Niseaboist and Scarista are now going to get fibre.

**Coastguard:** The Directors agreed that the Coastguards could use Talla na Mara as an Emergency Meeting Point. The keyholders agreed that their contact details could be given to the Coastguards in case they need access to the building out of hours.

**Land Raids:** Meeting with Iain Robertson has been postponed until things get back to normal.

**Hydro:** A revised offer has been made and we expect to hear towards the end of the week whether this has been accepted.

**The Mountain Rescue Team:** Requesting funding for a building. The Directors were unable to offer any contributions in the current climate.

**Research Student:** Directors are happy to accommodate an interview in the summer.

### ***Harris Forum***

The Forum is working very well in Harris. The Community Space has been offered for use for meetings

6. **Health and Safety:** No incidents reported. We are due a visit from Andrew Scargill but are waiting to see as yet when he is coming.
7. **AOCB :** There was extensive discussion about the potential impact of the Coronavirus.
8. **Close:** The Meeting finished at 7.58pm.

**Next Meeting :** 21st April 2020

### **Proposed dates for 2020**

19<sup>th</sup> May

16<sup>th</sup> June

18<sup>th</sup> August

15<sup>th</sup> September

20<sup>th</sup> October

17<sup>th</sup> November

15<sup>th</sup> December