

Minutes CCDC Directors' Meeting 21st July 2014

Present: Iain Muir (Chair), Iain Scott, Ann Macleod, Linda Macleod, Ben Walton

Attending: Julia Campbell, Peter Muir, Anne Campbell

1. Welcome & apologies from Steve Husband
2. Previous meeting's minutes: Approved with agreed amendments. Proposed: LM, Seconded AAB
3. **Matters arising:**
4. **Finance:** BW stated there was nothing to report. Check with HIE about JC's hours. **Action: IFM contact HIE**
5. **Community Energy:**
 - a) Wind Turbine: response from enquiry Triodos is that it is too early to be applicable for funding application yet (as grid connection is so far in the future) but still awaiting response about Ben Mor Hydro.
PM has consulted lawyers about the 'Tender Document' and has incorporated their suggestions to deliver both projects. **Action: PM to send document to all directors for approval.**
 - b) BMH: new finance officer at SWT, once settled in discuss recruitment of Project Officer. **Action: Initiate recruitment of officer (PM)**
6. **Land & Housing:**
 - a) Schoolhouse: progressing – JC has submitted Business Case to THC and it has been received positively. **Action: JC to proceed. Action: JC/AAC to seek advice from HSHCT about allocation of houses.**
 - b) SYHA: awaiting response from SWT, (there has been a change of personnel which accounts for the delay in responding). **Action: JC/AAC to meet with the current warden, and carry out survey of visitors.**
 - c) Apportionments: IFM has written to new CEO Johnny Hughes about apportionments and awaiting a response.
7. **Piers & Harbours:** Coastal Communities Fund bid failed and Badentarbet remains closed and uninsurable. AAB reported from CCC that Cllr Cockburn would bring the Harbour Board Chair to the next meeting of the CCC and Pier Users Group. CCC & Pier Users Group would welcome any input from CCDC in any future fundraising. Meanwhile Cllr Green would press THC about improvement to the Old Dornie access road and parking.
8. **Smokehouse:** PM has taken advice from Food Technologists, Environmental Health Officers and has commissioned drawings of the building and how it may be restructured as a food processing, heritage and retail unit. The aim is to preserve the current structure, making good alternative uses of the building whilst making minimal changes to be completed and open for business by Easter 2015. The aim is to keep the running costs low and offer business support to any prospective tenant. The plan was approved by the directors. Actions: Develop architects plans further; draw up a list of work done to date and complete GANT chart for HIE. **(PM and IS has offered his assistance)**
9. **Flensburg Students:** Wulf Boie (leader) has provisionally booked accommodation for the group and hopes to visit Coigach in September and make further arrangements for the students' visit in February 2015.
10. **Paths/CALL/LP:** Various series of paths are being developed with the Landscape Partnership, NWHGeopark and ATA. **Action: First draft of Paths Business Plan to be delivered to RW of LP within the week. (AAC)**
11. **AOCB:** Crown Estates have offered a fifty-year lease for the output from the smokehouse to the sea bed. PM to investigate whether the sea-bed area should be purchased rather than leased for such a lengthy period. **Action: PM to contact Crown Estates.** Windows 365 – Investigate if this technology is suitable for the workings of CCDC and its directors. **Action: JC**
12. **Date of Next Meeting: 19th August 7.00pm Smokehouse**