

## **Minutes from Board Meeting of**

**Coigach Community Development Company,**

**Monday 15 October 2012 7pm**

**Present:** Richard Williams – Chair (RW), Maureen Fraser (MF), Theresa Ross (TR), Ann MacLeod (AM), Ben Walton (BW). Peter Muir (PM) & Julia Campbell (JC) (LDOs).

Apologies: Linda Macleod, Iain Muir.

**1.** The meeting was opened by RW who invited Viv Halcrow, Project Manager for CALL to explain the Heritage Lottery Landscape Partnership bid which is being put together by CALL partners and may reach a size of £4m. JC and TR said that Achiltibuie Tourist Association could probably also become a partner as this would strengthen Coigach's case for funding for heritage related projects/jobs being based here. Rough costings for each project being included in the bid are required by Christmas. CALL lottery funding training 8<sup>th</sup> Nov in Coigach, CALL access meeting 22 Nov in Lochinver.

Informal suggestions include: reed clearance at Achlochan, which could include training in traditional thatching methods and access/interpretation to loch; public toilets at Stac Polly; Coigach heritage film project.

**2. Community Energy:** ES and draft lease being worked on. ES printers proof being studied.

### **3. Land and Housing**

**Tanera** RW declared his interest. The meeting considered that local people wanted more information and therefore we need more research. MF pointed to problems with funding and timescales. A meeting of experts ("Tanera Round Table?") was suggested as a low-cost shortcut to coming to / informing a CCDC/ community decision (possible representatives: 2 x HIE, THC, Assynt Foundation, CCDC, Tanera, Gigha/Eigg, SWT?,

other). 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Nov suggested. (RW took no part of the discussion other than to provide information when required).

**Smokehouse CRtB** SAOS local consultations are well underway and the report is due soon. (At this point Viv Halcrow left the meeting). CCDC have challenged the valuation and await decision by Scottish Land Tribunal.

**Schoolhouse** Usefultalks in afternoon with councillors who agreed that it was essential to the community and for attracting a head teacher that the schoolhouse is refurbished and is retained for primarily teacher use, and not sold. However, as precaution CCDC will proceed with CRtB.(**Action JC**)

**4. Minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> August,** proposed by AM, sec BW.

**5. Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> September,** proposed by RW, sec TR.

**6. Matters arising from Sept minutes:** Finance talks with HIE carried over. AGM notices ongoing.

**7. Piers and Harbours:** Public consultation events were held on 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> September where various suggestions and options were discussed. John Porteous (Wallace Stone) displayed photos showing severe underwater corrosion at Badentarbet pier, and offered consultees the option of making suggestions for improvements and sketching out design ideas for either or both facilities. On the whole, most comments received favoured concentrating improvements on Old Dornie but this was prior to news about Tanera sale was released which has implications for Badentarbet pier. Study ongoing: Steve Westbrook will be carrying out the economic side of the appraisal. LEADER project completion date has been extended to 31 March 2013 to allow some consideration of Tanera sale/purchase in relation to the piers.

**8. Finance:** The directors unanimously resolved to register for the Co-op Bank's telephone banking service. Currently £26k in CCDC account includes wages, £7k for CWP and £8k loan from THC. Again monies due to CWP had been paid in to CCDC account. BW passed cheque for £6965.68 to PM for CWP bank account. Highland Council Loan (for LEADER related payments) is due for repayment soon.

**9. AOCB:** None.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 6 November. The meeting closed at 9.20pm.