

Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE : Urras Stòras an Rubha

DATE : 11 April 2016

TIME : 7.30 pm

VENUE : Point and Sandwick Power Office, Knock

Present: TR Clark; CM Dunn; N Mackenzie; A Campbell; A Lamont; GK Macdonald; N Macleod; G Morrison; Cllr Z Stewart.

Apologies: M Bruce; E Chaplin; D J Macsween; S Macleod; Cllr A Macleod; Cllr NM Macleod.

Item		Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Minute of meeting of 11 January 2016	The minute of meeting of 15 February 2016 was approved, with one addition at Item 7 to the effect that Norman Macleod had seconded the proposal.	C Dunn	Immediate.
2	Matters Arising	<u>Purchase of Land</u>: It was noted that an offer to purchase had been sent from Ken Macdonald (Lawyers) to Mr N Macleod's solicitors, and that a reply was awaited. <u>Lease for PST</u> It was noted that the draft lease for Point and Sandwick Trust had been received from J Gillies and was currently with PST for comment.	DJ Macsween/C Dunn	Immediate
3	Declaration of Interests	None		
4	Update on funding Applications	The following were discussed and noted: a) Big Lottery The redrafted application form had been sent to Mr Andy Normandsell for comment. b) Western Isles Development Trust Application currently at scoring stage, for a decision on 26 April. c) Leader Application being prepared for submission for 29 April deadline. It was also noted that through their relationship with Scottish Government and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar in respect of funding measures for fuel poor households, TIG had been invited to put together a bid for communities which own assets, provided the refurbishment plans include the installation of renewable energies and reduction of carbon emissions. D Smith had therefore submitted an application for USAR and two other community groups.		

5	Policy Portfolio	The Policy Development sub-group presented draft policies on: • Health and Safety • Financial Procedures • Children and Vulnerable Adults • Volunteering • Language and Heritage • Risk Management. These were approved and adopted, and would normally be subject to review every five years unless changes in legislation necessitated an earlier review. A change of terminology from “disabled access” to “access for all abilities” was agreed for the current policy on Equalities. It was noted that tenants would be required to adopt and implement these policies in their own operations.	All C Dunn C Dunn Partner groups	Immediate Immediate Immediate
6	Applications for membership	A further 10 applications were approved. It was agreed that application forms would be available in the bookstall area and that this would be intimated on the Facebook page and in the Rudhach.	C Dunn/N Mackenzie	End April
7	Reports from partner groups	Urras Eaglais na H-Aoidhe E Chaplin had submitted a report giving information about the next phase of development for which they are seeking funding, and asking for letters of support from various parties, including , for this funding bid. C Dunn was authorised to write a letter of support from USAR. Rudhach GK Macdonald reported that the Rudhach committee had agreed to the Memorandum of Understanding which will come into operation when Aros An Rubha is complete. Point Agricultural Society/Tiumpthead Community Association There is some concern regarding the situation at Aird, as no definite information on a demolition date is yet available. Given commitments regarding the show and a wedding that is booked for the Community Centre. It was noted that May is a possibility for demolition. Buth an Rubha/Cafe Roo N Macleod reported that the shop and cafe are doing well, and that there was a marked increase in business during the holiday period. The curry nights had proved very popular. He also reported that equipment had been purchased from the Coffee Pot when it ceased trading, and that that was in storage awaiting increased space in Aros An Rubha.	C Dunn	Immediate
8	Financial Matters	The current balance in the main account is £23598.62, which includes the balance of BL Development funding, from which invoices to TIG and architects will be paid. There is a reserve account which will be used to administer grant funding for Aros An Rubha.	N Mackenzie	

		A bill of £700 had been received from Business Stream for Aird which will be paid, and a further bill for Knock, which would be passed to J Gillies, Ken Macdonald (Lawyers), given the ongoing legal action. It was noted that the sum of £3500 had been expended by USAR on Aird, and that this sum was greater than that specifically received for Aird. It was hoped that USAR would receive funding from the Ward Initiative Fund in 2016-17.	Councillors	
7	Engaging with the Community	C Dunn reported that she had set up a Facebook page for Urras Storas An Rubha, and that it had very quickly generated support and interest. C Dunn also gave information about two quotes received for setting up a website: one from Canan, based in Skye, for £3030 and one from She-Online Web Design, based in Garrabost, for £1100. Following discussion, it was in principle to accept the quote from She-Online, subject to clarification regarding the potential for use of development funding to finance it.	C Dunn/ D Smith/ N Mackenzie	
8	OSCR	It was noted that a revised application had been compiled and would be submitted shortly.	C Dunn	End April
9	Date of next meeting	Monday, 29 May at 7.30 pm.	C Dunn	