

Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE : Urras Stòras an Rubha

DATE : 11 May 2015

TIME : 7.30 pm

VENUE : Point and Sandwich Power Office, Knock

Present: TR Clark; CM Dunn; N Mackenzie; GK Macdonald; DJ Macsween; Cllr A Macleod;

Apologies: E Chaplin; A Macdonald; N Macleod; S Macleod; D Macritchie; G Smith Cllr N Macleod; Cllr Z Stewart

Item		Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Minute of meeting of 9 February 2015	The Minute of meeting of 16 March 2015 was approved.		
2	Matters Arising	The following were noted: a) The green mesh screening had been erected. b) Purchase still not finalised. D Smith, TIG, would contact CnES to the effect that delay could hamper the progress of the development. c) No further word had been received regarding the Scottish Water suspended court action. d) A Ross had resigned as a director. e) A response was awaited from K Johnstone regarding directorship. f) The second hand bookstall was in place. g) MA Macleod had been contacted and was willing to submit a design for a logo, but would be unable to tackle it for some weeks.	D Smith	Immediate
3	Aird School	<u>a) Storm Damage</u> It was noted that CnES had decided to demolish Aird School, subject to the agreement of insurers, that the matter of storage would be included in their negotiations with insurers and that no rent would be charged from 9 January 2015. <u>b) Community Garden</u> A request from Point Agricultural Society for a contribution to the costs of upkeep of the community garden and sports field was discussed and it was agreed that, prior to reaching a decision on the request, the annual cost of upkeep would be ascertained.	C Dunn	Immediate
4	Knock/Aros an Rubha	<u>a) Letter regarding Schoolhouse</u> The letter received by T Clark from Western Isles Advocacy Service regarding the visual and acoustic impact of the current operation at Knock on Mr R Cripps, Mr Clark's reply, and the action taken to		

		address the issues raised, were noted. b) <u>Planning application</u> The granting of planning permission for the redevelopment was welcomed. It was noted that the conditions attached to the permission were largely: • Addressing the objections raised by the tenants in the schoolhouse, and would require to be dealt with as the development progresses; • Standard conditions relating to air source heat pumps; • Submission by architect of schedule of external finishes prior to work commencing. There was concern about Condition 7 regarding the prohibition of the siting of temporary units in the existing car parking during the construction phase. It was agreed that clarification of this matter be pursued with Keith Bray. c) <u>Timeline</u> The revised timeline from TIG, indicating a possible start to construction in January 2016 was noted. It was also noted that Anderson Associates are working on the building warrant application. The timeline may need to be revised further, depending on the availability of funding complementary to the Big Lottery. In the context of discussion of sources of funding it was suggested that individual groups (Comann Eachdraidh and Rudhach) could make application on their own behalf to Western Isles Development Trust. d) <u>Stage 2 Application</u> It was noted that work was progressing well with the Business Plan, which will form part of the Stage 2 Application. The Business plan will also need to meet the requirements of the HIE capital funding application. Directors are reminded that short biographies for inclusion in the Business Plan, as per sample previously sent, are awaited. e) <u>Land acquisition</u> It was noted that at 0.22 ha, the croft at 25 Knock is smaller than originally thought, and that a revised valuation is being prepared.	D Smith C Dunn GK Macdonald C Dunn/D Smith Nearly all D Smith	End May As per group decisions Ongoing Immediate Ongoing
5	Financial matters	The financial statement, including information on the full payment of the BL development grant and the current account balance of £1739.20, tabled by N Mackenzie, was noted. A further cash contribution of £40.00 from the Comann Eachdraidh, as the USAR share of door donations, was noted. It was also noted that the EDF Energy charge for Aird should be refunded by Connected Communities, and that N Mackenzie would be meeting with a representative of Business Stream, regarding charges for Aird.	N Mackenzie	Ongoing
6	Meeting in Balallan	The invitation to a community networking event on "Your Land, Your buildings, Your Future," in Balallan on 21 May was discussed. As no one present was available to attend the event, C Dunn agreed to contact KR Mackay with a view to acquiring any papers from the event.	C Dunn	Immediate

7	Hamper Raffle	A number of items had been received for the hamper raffle and it was agreed that members not present should be reminded to contribute.	Those not present	Immediate: contact C Dunn
8	Date of next meeting	The next meeting would be held on 22 June in Point and Sandwick Power offices, Knock at 7.30 pm	DJ Macsween C Dunn	