

Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE : Urras Stòras An Rubha

DATE : 29 January 2018

TIME : 7.30 pm

VENUE : Point and Sandwich Trust Office, Knock

Present: A Lamont(Chair); CM Dunn(Secretary); E Chaplin; Vice Chair); DM Macdonald; GK Macdonald; H Macdonald; DJ Macsween; Z Stewart

Apologies: TR Clark; N Mackenzie; N Macleod; Cllr N Macdonald; Cllr A Macleod; Cllr F Stewart.

Item		Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Minute of meeting of 14 November 2016	The minute of meeting of 14 November 2017 was approved.	C Dunn	Immediate.
2	Matters Arising	<u>Purchase of Land</u> : It was noted that K Macdonald, Solicitors, were still awaiting Terms and Conditions from the Stornoway Trust solicitors, Anderson and Macarthur.		
3	Declaration of Interests	None declared.		
4	Review of Building Project	The following were noted from the meeting of the Design Panel held on the morning of 29 January with Malcolm Crate: - Detailed floor plans formulated from work done by E Chaplin and H Macdonald were used as a basis for discussion; - These plans incorporated parts of the original drawings by Anderson Associates. - M Crate gave a rough estimate of building cost to be at least £1,000,000, but that discussion of the plans with I Morrison, QS, would result in a more accurate figure. - The tenders being submitted by contractors for other projects at present have seen a significant increase. - The plans would have to be scaled back further. - There had been a view discussed that the Comann Eachdraidh did not require dedicated space, but could show exhibitions in the public areas. - It had been agreed that, subject to Board consent, that Donna Smith would arrange a meeting with M Crate and I Morrison, with some input from Malcolm Maciver, Structural Engineer, to work further on the plans, with an assessment of the requirements of the two original school buildings as a first step, followed by an assessment of how to incorporate the requirements of the various groups within a realistic budget. - D Smith agreed to seek additional funding for the design work required. - In addition to an application to the Big Lottery, the Scottish Government Regeneration fund will re-open for applications in June. Application for this fund will be through Comhairle nan Eilean Siar as the Comhairle collates projects for submission as one package.	Design Team M Crate	Immediate

		In discussion of the above at the full meeting, it was agreed that: • The next steps described above with regard to plans and costs should be followed. • M Crate should give an estimate of costs for the initial design work, and A Lamont, C Dunn and N Mackenzie were delegated to agree the maximum expenditure on this stage of the work. • Given the artefacts belonging to the Comann Eachdraidh, there is a requirement for dedicated space, both for storage and display; a reduction of space, to only wall-space made available in public areas, would not be acceptable. • Community consultation when new plans are available is a priority. • Community consultation should use the template recommended by the Scottish Community Development Centre: VOICE. Timescale: It was agreed that plans should be ready for submission by June. In order to help with meeting this timescale it was agreed to approach Point and Sandwick Trust seeking their assistance in accessing their consultants to: • Refresh the business plan; • Assist with community consultation • Act as liaison between the Design Team and the Board.	C Dunn	Immediate
5	Reports from partner groups	The following were noted from partner groups: <u>Point Agricultural Society</u> The AGM was to be held in February. <u>Urras Eaglais na H-Aoidhe</u> E Chaplin distributed the Heritage Lottery funded leaflet giving information about the geophysical survey carried out in 2016. The community consultation on the next phase will be carried out on 24th February. <u>Comann Eachdraidh</u> The World War 2 exhibition research will probably be in place for Easter. <u>Rudhach</u> Storage has become a greater problem, as one of the homes currently storing the magazine will not be available in the near future.	All	
6	Financial Matters	The continuing success of the bookstall was welcomed. The sum of £596 had been raised over the last four months.	N Mackenzie	Immediate

7	Date of next meeting	Monday 26 th February at 7.30 pm	All	
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