

Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE : Urras Stòras An Rubha

DATE : 12 November 2018

TIME : 8.00 pm

VENUE : Point and Sandwich Trust Office, Knock

Present: A Lamont (Chair); DM Macdonald (Vice-chair); CM Dunn (Secretary); N Mackenzie (Treasurer); E Chaplin; TR Clark; GK Macdonald; H Macdonald; DJ Macsween; Cllr N Macdonald; Cllr A Macleod.

Apologies: M Bruce; N Macleod; Z Stewart; Cllr F Stewart.

Item		Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Minute of meeting of 23 August 2018	The minute of meeting of 23 August 2018 was approved.		
3	Matters Arising.	DJ Macsween informed the Board that, although two previous applications to CARES for the proposed energy project had been turned down on the grounds of being over-ambitious, we have been invited to re-submit, with an application deadline of mid-December. It was noted that the building refurbishment project is not dependent on this parallel project being successful, but if it is successful it will have a positive impact on the design of the building in terms of heating and lighting and will have ongoing benefits both in terms of the environment and of running costs.	DJ Macsween	Ongoing
4	Declaration of Interests	None declared		
5	Redevelopment	Design Panel It was noted that a provisional date of 19th November had been suggested for the Design Panel meeting. C Dunn was asked to check if a later start time of 4.00pm could be acceptable to the Design Team, to avoid a clash with a PST sub-committee. It was noted that funding had been identified, including a grant application to be submitted to PST for £6000 to cover the initial stage of the project, to take it to planning approval stage. Big Lottery C Dunn reported on a telephone discussion involving herself, Donna Smith (TIG) and Helen Curry of the Big lottery team where Helen Curry sought more information on how the refurbishment project met the criteria of the Community Assets Programme. Detailed information was given under the following headings: • People-led – meaningfully involving the people worked with in development, design and delivery; • Strengths-based – making the most of, and building on, the skills and experiences of people and assets within communities. • Connected – having a good understanding of what others are doing locally, developing good working relationships and complementing and adding value to other relevant activity in your area. • The total project costs, how much would be asked for from the Big Lottery Fund, and any other funding sources identified.	C Dunn N Mackenzie/ PST consultant.	Immediate. Immediate.

		The meeting concluded with H Curry indicating that she would discuss the project with their Capital Manager and her line manager to seek a view on allowing the project to move to the next stage of the application process. She indicated that the total funding for next year for Scotland was £8-9 million. C Dunn indicated her intention to submit a written document covering the points made during the meeting, and it was agreed that she should repeat her invitation to H Curry to visit USAR to see the project at first hand. <u>Funding Sources</u> Following discussion of the known funding sources for which application is to be made, it was agreed to continue with applications to these bodies, to keep under review the amounts being sought, and to ask A Nicholson to investigate national charities as possible additional sources of funding.	C Dunn DJ Macsween	Immediate Immediate
5	Reports from partner groups	The following were noted from partner groups: <u>Urras Eaglais na H-Aoidhe</u> <u>Comann Eachdraidh/Point and Sandwich Trust</u> A well-attended illustrated lecture on Emigration had been funded by PST and hosted by the Comann Eachdraidh. <u>Rudhach/Comann Eachdraidh</u> The Comann Eachdraidh is contributing an extended piece about the Iolaire disaster to be published in the December/January Rudhach. The Comann Eachdraidh has also been involved in contributing to radio and TV Programmes on the Iolaire, and are also assisting with a drama-documentary to be presented at Sgoil An Rubha on 20 and 21 November. <u>Urras Eaglais na h-Aoidhe</u> The annual lecture on 7th September had been well-attended. Work on the graveyard records was in progress. The Point and Sandwich Community Coastal Path group has been successful in gaining funding to allow work on the eroded section of the path behind near Eaglais Na h-Aoidhe to go ahead. <u>Point and Sandwich Trust</u> PST was congratulated on winning the Scottish Environmental Enterprise Award.	All	
6	Financial Matters	It was noted that the current balance in the account was £19,686.28, with only the invoice to Mann Judd for accountancy services to be paid. It was also noted than an application for £6000 to PST was pending. It was noted that the latest collection from the bookstall was £130.00	N Mackenzie	
7	Any other business	DJ Macsween raised the following matters of a janitorial nature that need to be addressed. - One of the toilets in the shop and café area has been out of order for some time - The staff toilet needs to be secured with a key entry and the facility itself needs attention. DJ Macsween agreed to explore options in dealing with these matters, and to take appropriate action if possible.	DJ Macsween	Immediate
7	Date of next meeting	To be decided.		