

Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE : Urras Stòras An Rubha

DATE : 11 February 2019

TIME : 7.30 pm

VENUE : Point and Sandwich Trust Office, Knock

Present: A Lamont (Chair); CM Dunn (Secretary); N Mackenzie (Treasurer); M Bruce; E Chaplin; TR Clark; GK Macdonald; H Macdonald; N Macleod; DJ Macsween; Z Stewart;

Apologies: DM Macdonald; Cllr N Macdonald; Cllr A Macleod; Cllr F Stewart.

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Minute of meeting of 12 November 2018		
2	Matters Arising. a) DJ Macsween informed the Board that, although the application to CARES for a feasibility study into the proposed energy project had been rejected for the third time, they had nevertheless invited a re-application for a slimmed-down project and that an application seeking a grant of £30,000 was in the process of being submitted. b) The completed upgrading of the toilets was noted. c) The grant of £8000 from Point and Sandwich Trust to help with the costs of developing the project to RIBA Stage 3 was welcomed.	DJ Macsween	Ongoing
3	Declaration of Interests Matt Bruce indicated that he was on the board of Tighean Innse Gall. (Item 5). Norman Macleod, Buth An Rubha, re the Supported Employment item.		
4	Redevelopment <u>Design Panel</u> It was noted that the Design team was aiming for March/April for submission of an application for planning permission. <u>Big Lottery</u> The text of the email from Helen Curry, Big lottery was discussed and it was noted with disappointment that the project is unlikely to be considered on its own merits for the Community Assets funding, but that geographical considerations come into play. It was agreed that a response be sent seeking clarification on: - the statement that the USAR application would be considered after any Regeneration Community Grant Fund, as it had been understood that the Community Assets decision would be taken before the RCGF decision. - the meaning of the statement <i>"Our Committee will also consider whether or not there are other resources available nearby which could be better utilised,"</i> and if this referred to financial resources or to buildings.	D Smith C Dunn	March Immediate.

		It was also agreed to ask if an application for a lower grant in the region of £102,000 would have any chance of success. Other Funding Sources • <u>Regeneration Fund</u> It was noted that A Lamont, C Dunn and D Smith had had a meeting with David Macleay, CnES regarding the Regeneration Fund, and that the submission date for the Stage 1 application to CnES was June with a Stage 2 application date of November. • <u>Natural and Cultural Heritage Fund</u> It was agreed that the project did not appear to be the best fit for the Natural and Cultural Heritage Fund, and that it should not be pursued at this time. • <u>HIE</u> It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with Jane Macintosh, HIE, and that the meeting should involve PST. Business Plan It was noted that the Business Plan was being updated and that C Dunn would contact the groups that will be housed in the building with a view to updating their own sections.	C Dunn/D Smith	March
			C Dunn etc	March
5	Reports from partner groups	The following were noted from constituent members and associated groups: <u>Point Agricultural Society</u> A well-attended AGM had been held in January and a new committee had been elected. <u>Rudhach/Comann Eachdraidh</u> The extended piece about the Iolaire disaster in the December/January Rudhach was commended. It had proven popular, and the Rudhach had to go to reprint twice. <u>Urras Eaglais na h-Aoidhe</u> Work on the graveyard records has been completed and is being printed, sponsored by PST. With a grant from PST, good progress has also been made with acquiring the land outside the gate. It is now at the Land Registry. <u>The Point and Sandwich Community Coastal Path Group</u> The first section of the coastal path has now been completed. <u>Point and Sandwich Trust</u> A considerable number of groups have been given grant assistance. The £1,000,000 mark of actual grants to various bodies has been passed.	All	
6	Financial Matters	It was noted that the current balance in the account was £21,499.24, with the £8000 grant from PST still to be added. <u>Donations:</u> The donation of £1500 from the councillors and the donation of £200 from the Rudhach were noted with gratitude. <u>Raffle:</u> The sum of £450 was raised by the January raffle. It was agreed that a pop-up banner be bought for use during fund-raising activities.	N Mackenzie	
			Z Stewart	Immediate

		<u>Bookstall:</u> The bookstall continues to bring in a steady income, with £100 being raised since the last meeting. It also continues to attract favourable comment, and it was agreed that it should be a separate agenda item in future. It was agreed that the wall cabinet which had been part of the school fittings should be removed and donated to the Comann Eachdraidh and that bookshelves should be sourced to be put in this space. <u>Supported Employment</u> A grant of £2000 had been given to USAR by PST to assist Buth an Rubha with the continuation of a Supported Employment Placement for a young adult with autism.	H Macdonald	Immediate
			N Mackenzie/ N Macleod	Immediate
7	Date of next meeting	To be decided.		