

Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE : Urras Stòras An Rubha

DATE : 2 May 2019

TIME : 7.30 pm

VENUE : Point and Sandwich Trust Office, Knock

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

Apologies: E Chaplin; Cllr N Macdonald; Cllr F Stewart.

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Minute of meeting of 11 February 2019		
2	Matters Arising. a) DJ Macsween informed the Board that the application to CARES for a feasibility study into the proposed energy project was still live, working towards a grant application of £25,000. The results of the proposed study would feed into the design of the building development, and could be included as a desired provision, but would not be included in capital applications at this stage.	DJ Macsween	Ongoing
3	Declaration of Interests Matt Bruce indicated that he was on the board of Tighean Innse Gall. (Item 4).		
4	Redevelopment There was discussion of the option of a new build to house the shop, café, offices and community facilities as a phase 1 development, followed by a second phase involving refurbishment of the school building to house the heritage aspects of the project. It was noted that this option had been looked at by the design team and discussed in the meeting (below) with HIE, and it was agreed that the best way to proceed was to continue with redevelopment of the current building. It was agreed that: - the design team would continue to develop the 2018 plan, examining ways to make savings in the design. - there would be scope in the future to develop the croft site to provide services such as electric charging points and a launderette. - the business plan would be finalised, in conjunction with D Smith, TIG. - temporary housing for the shop would need to be identified. <u>The following were discussed and noted in respect of possible funders</u> <u>Big Lottery</u>: A telephone meeting had been held on 1 April involving A Lamont, C Dunn, D Smith and Helen Curry and Dougie Spence of the Big Lottery Community Assets Fund. The meeting had not been encouraging and the detailed email of 2 April from Helen Curry sent as follow-up made it very clear that the project would be extremely unlikely to be granted funding. <u>PST</u> would be in a position to allocate capital funding.	Design Panel C Dunn/D Smith Board	Ongoing End May Autumn

		• <u>HIE</u> : The meeting on 23 April with Rachel Mackenzie, HIE, and involving A Lamont, C Dunn, D Smith and N Mackenzie and DJ Macsween from PST was very positive. Advice was given about services that could be offered in the refurbished building and about aspects that HIE would look for in grant applications. It was noted that retail could not be included in an application to HIE. • <u>Regeneration Fund (RCGF)</u>: The Comhairle has confirmed that USAR can submit a bid to the RCGF as part of a programme of projects across the Western Isles. The deadline for the first round application is early June. In the light of the above it was agreed that funding applications would be made as follows: • Regeneration Fund • PST • HIE • Various charities.	D Smith, TIG	End May
			A Nicholson (PST)	Ongoing
5	Reports from partner groups	The following were noted from constituent members and associated groups: <u>Point Agricultural Society</u> The date of the annual Point Agricultural Show has been set for 1th July. Four miniature quad bikes have been purchased as a new attraction for children. <u>Rudhach</u> In recent months, sales had been consistently low, giving rise to concern about the feasibility of continuing to expend the effort required to produce the magazine for such a low readership figure. Readers have been alerted to the problem in the current issue. <u>Comann Eachdraidh</u> Work has started on preparation for an exhibition on boats and fishing.	All	
6	Financial Matters	<u>Bookstall</u>: Since the last meeting, a total of £832 has been raised. This includes the income from the Book Fair and raffle held in April as well as the regular income from the bookstall. A donation of £102.71 had been received from the Comann Eachdraidh.		
7	Date of next meeting	To be arranged.		