

Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE : Urras Stòras An Rubha
DATE : 23 July 2020
VENUE : Via Zoom

TIME : 7.00 pm

Present: A Lamont (Chair); DM Macdonald (Vice Chair); CM Dunn (Secretary); N Mackenzie (Treasurer); E Chaplin; GK Macdonald; H Macdonald; DJ Macsween; N Macleod; Donna Smith (TIG)

Apologies: M Bruce; TR Clark; Z Stewart; Cllr A Macleod

Item		Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Minute of meeting of 9 March 2020	The minute of meeting of 9 March 2020 was approved.		
2	Matters Arising.	Croft acquisition: Norman Macleod has agreed a purchase the croft, and, following due legal process, will decroft the land and transfer it to USAR for the cost of the transaction.	N Macleod	Ongoing
3	Declaration of Interests	None declared.		
4	Redevelopment	1. <u>Building works</u> D Smith gave an update on progress with the redevelopment, as follows: - The Building Warrant application has been lodged and the fee paid. The process of granting the warrant usually takes 8-12 weeks. - The tender documents are nearly complete. - The invitation to tender is still to be done, but is a simple process. - The current target is to have the tender on the Scottish Government portal on 17 August. In order to meet contract timescales, October would be the latest feasible date. - Tenders received will be open for acceptance for 90 days. 2. <u>Funding</u> The updated funding and expenditure profiles were discussed and agreed, as follows: - The board welcomed, with gratitude, the allocation of £100,000 this year, and £38,000 next year from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar from the Crown Estates fund. - D Smith was in the process of responding to queries from Rose Bugler, HIE, regarding their contribution; confirmation of their contribution is awaited. - R Bugler had suggested having the funding profile over two years, and this has been done. - The charitable funders, the Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation and Trusthouse had closed down when	D Smith	Ongoing

		the lockdown was announced. Application will be made to them when they re-open. • The pre-contract costs will be met from USAR funds. • The post-contract estimate had increased because of the cost of portacabin hire for the shop. The comparative cost of purchasing a portacabin could be explored. • The possibility of having the building work carried out over 15 months instead of 12 months could be considered. • A letter should be sent to PST, expressing gratitude for the promise of funding of £200,000 and alerting them to the difficulties encountered in securing the total funding package in advance of going out to tender and seeking further support if necessary. • Registering for VAT should be discussed with John Moffat. It was agreed that the Design Group should meet in the near future to discuss practicalities related to the redevelopment. 3. <u>CARES project: energy</u> The feasibility report compiled by Greenspacelive had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The Board agreed that funding should be sought for Option 3. The submission of an expression of Interest for funding, on the basis of Option 3 in two phases, was agreed.	D Smith C Dunn N Mackenzie D Smith	August Immediate Immediate Immediate
5	Report from partner groups	Point and Sandwick Trust The Board commended the various initiatives taken by PST to assist the community during the COVID19 pandemic. These initiatives included provision of meals, delivery of shopping, befriending service and the photographic archive project. Their proactive stance in supporting Gaelic was also commended. Rudhach During the first two months of the lockdown, the outlets, with a limited print run, were Bùth An Rubha and the Co-op. Thereafter the usual number were printed and all the usual outlets have been open. Urras Eaglais na h-Aoidhe All events, including the usual September lecture, were cancelled. Fencing of the land recently acquired was completed. Point Agricultural Society The Point Show was cancelled, but an invitation was issued on the show's Facebook page to post photographs of exhibits, with a whole week being given for Sections in the usual show programme. The invitation, for this non-competitive show, was taken up by a number of the usual exhibitors.		
6	Financial Matters	<u>Bookstall</u>: income of £618.50 since March was noted. <u>Accounts</u>: the current balance of £26, 8555.00 will cover the pre-contract costs for the building works.		

7	Date of next meeting	The Design group to meet soon and a Board meeting shortly thereafter.	D Smith C Dunn	Immediate
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