

Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE : Urras Stòras An Rubha

DATE : 24 September 2019

TIME : 7.30 pm

VENUE : Point and Sandwich Trust Office, Knock

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

Apologies: N Mackenzie; Z Stewart; Cllr N Macdonald; Cllr F Stewart.

Item		Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Minute of meeting of 2 May 2019	The minute of meeting of 2 May 2019 was approved.		
2	Matters Arising.	a) DJ Macsween informed the Board that the application to CARES for a feasibility study into the proposed energy project had been granted, and that an invitation to tender had gone out to three companies. The timetable is tight to ensure that the study will be completed in time for submission of a bid to CARES in early January for an innovation grant to implement the project.	DJ Macsween	Ongoing
3	Declaration of Interests	None declared.		
4	Redevelopment	The following were discussed, and actions agreed, regarding the redevelopment: 1. Planning Application The planning application had been submitted in August. One representation regarding the application had been received, from Mr and Mrs Cripps, Schoolhouse. Comhairle nan Eilean Siar had requested a response to the points made, and C Dunn undertook to liaise with Malcolm Crate in compiling a response, taking account of the points made in the report by CnES on the previous planning application. 2. RCGF It was noted that • the application to the Regeneration Fund had got through Stage 1 - one of 4 successful applications, out of 8 submitted by CnES. • The deadline for the longer Stage 2 application is short - applications have to be submitted by 11 October, but David Macleay wants the applications submitted to him by 4th October, as he has to bring the whole package together. • There will be more applications to RCGF than money available. • The second stage application requires further information on the new and additional outcomes that will be delivered and how these will benefit and address the priorities identified by the	C Dunn C Dunn/D Smith/ Board	Immediate 4 October

		local community. Some evidence to support the sustainability of the project is required. • Clarity on the funding package- the application should demonstrate that the funding package can be in place in order to deliver the project. 3. Other Funding applications • An indication, in principle, of funding had been received from PST and HIE. Further discussions should be held with these groups to determine the maximum funding that could be given. • Donna Smith and Alasdair Nicholson will liaise and make application to other potential funders, including the Community Landfill Fund and the Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation.	D Smith/ DJ Macsween/C Dunn/D Smith/ A Nicholson	October
5	Reports from partner groups	The following were noted from constituent members: <u>Urras Eaglais na h-Aoidhe</u> Various events and activities had taken place, including a stall at Point Show, the annual Open Day, the Annual Lecture, the publication of the graveyard records booklet (with assistance from PST) and the publication of the 2018 lecture. Additional land, which requires fencing, had recently been acquired. <u>Point Agricultural Society</u> A very successful show had been held, with increased attendance and income. The loss of the large marquee as a result of high winds after the show was a set-back, but insurance covered the loss. The erection of a permanent building was now being considered. <u>Rudhach</u> There was some improvement in sales for the double July/August issue. <u>Comann Eachdraidh</u> The current exhibition on boats and fishing was proving very popular, attracting tourists, visitors from the rest of Lewis as well as Point residents. PST had given a grant for materials to build secure cases for the model boats and had also hosted the exhibition opening. The publicity given to the exhibition by PST's press office exhibition. <u>Point and Sandwick Trust</u> PST continues to provide a valuable service to the community of Point and wider afield, with grants which help various groups to add value to their activities. <u>Point Community Council</u> As there were six nominations to serve on the Community Council, there will be a community council in Point.	All	
6	Financial Matters	<u>Bookstall:</u> It was noted that in the 9 months to September, the income raised by the bookstall was £1741, and that the level of donations of books continues to be very high. Accounts It was noted that the current balance was £22484, as at 30 August, and that additional income would be added within the next few weeks, comprising a grant and rental from PST. In terms of outgoings the planning fee of £862.00 will be transferred to Point Community Council, and an invoice for £120 for hosting the website has been received. Other outgoings which will need to be kept in mind are repayment of the loan from TIG, the cost of buying the Croft, building consultancy costs and building insurance renewal.		

7	Acquisition of 25 Knock	The delay in getting a response from Stornoway Trust regarding the transfer of the croft to USAR was discussed, as were other possible options of approaching the issue. T Clark undertook to consult Malcolm Combe, who is an authority on crofting law, on the matter.	T Clark	Immediate
8	Date of next meeting	It was agreed that the AGM would be held on Thursday, 14 th November, and that a Board meeting would follow.	C Dunn N Mackenzie	