

Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE : Urras Stòras An Rubha

DATE : 9 March 2020

TIME : 7.30 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 A Macleod; Donna Smith (TIG)

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

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Minute of meeting of 14 November 2019		
2	Matters Arising. a) Croft acquisition: Norman Macleod had emailed the croft tenant, but had still not received a reply, and was trying other ways to contact him.	N Macleod	Ongoing
3	Declaration of Interests		
4	Register of Interests	C Dunn	Immediate
5	Redevelopment <u>Funding update</u> The Board welcomed the confirmation of funding from the Scottish Government Regeneration Fund (£263,985) and from the Scottish Landfill Fund (£20,000). D Smith, Tighean Innse Gall, tabled a paper which gave an overview of the budgetary situation and a programme outlining key tasks and dates for the redevelopment works. The paper, which was agreed and noted, is attached. The following were highlighted from discussions: • The tight timescale to be met in order to meet the RCGF fund requirement to have signed a contract for the works by 31 December 2020. • The funding gap of £138,000, mainly resulting from being unable to meet the deadline of the Robertson Trust because of the delay in getting confirmation of the Regeneration Fund. • The possibility of borrowing part of the outstanding amount, to a maximum of £40000. The new funding from the Crown Estate revenues was discussed and it was agreed that an application be submitted before the closing date of 31 March, as the Aros An Rubha project is a big impact project and an excellent fit for the required criteria. It was noted that a successful application for the maximum amount would ensure that the project could meet the timescales for the RCGF funding but that if unsuccessful the	D Smith	Ongoing

		likely outcome would be that the whole project would fall and that all the facilities proposed for Knock would be in jeopardy. Business continuity during construction was discussed, and it was agreed that the location of the shop during the refurbishment would need to be discussed as a matter of urgency. It was agreed that the design group would need to meet soon and that the identification of savings would be a priority. D Smith was asked to instruct the Design team to proceed with pre-contract work, to be paid for within USAR funds. <u>Cares Project</u> The feasibility study, being undertaken by GreenspaceLive is underway, with various options for energy generation being investigated. It was noted that these options will require external funding to proceed, and would not reduce the capital cost of the redevelopment, but that there would be revenue savings on the cost of energy for the building if it were to go ahead. It was noted that the croft acquisition was crucial for the energy project. <u>Request from Social Work Department</u> The request from Social Work for space within the new building for the supervisor of the home care service was agreed, as it was felt to fit well with the aims of the project and that the rental for this facility would add to the income stream for the building. <u>Community Conversation</u> It was noted that a meeting was to be held on 12th March to which various community groups had been invited, with a view to forming a Point Area Forum which would be responsible for devising an area plan. It was noted that the Crown Estate funding would be discussed at the meeting.	Board reps and N Macleod D Smith D Smith C Dunn All	ASAP By end March By end March Immediate 12 March
6	Report from partner groups	<u>Rudhach</u> The Rudhach was congratulated on winning the Community Newspaper of the year award for the third time. It was noted that the Iolaire commemorative edition, done jointly with the Comann Eachdraidh, was a key factor in the award. It was also noted that the Rudhach had worked with the councillors and Sgoil An Rubha to secure funding for the staging and filming of the award-winning play, "An Oidhche mus do Sheol i." Comann Eachdraidh The Comann Eachdraidh had hosted a joint event with the Garrabost Free Church Women for Misson Group on 6th March, when Malcolm Macdonald had given a talk on the Iolaire tragedy. Two members of the Comann		

		Eachdraidh had helped with preparation and support for the play mentioned above. Urras Eaglais na h-Aoidhe The recent publication of the book <u>In Search of Colm Cille</u> by Colin Scott Mackenzie was noted. Point Agricultural Society It was hoped to have a building up for the 2020 show, pending a successful application for the community element of the Crown Estates fund. Point and Sandwich Trust A community impact survey is currently underway to assess community views on the impact to date and to seek views on future developments.		
7	Financial Matters	<u>Bookstall</u>: income of £236 for January and February was noted. <u>Accounts</u>: the current balance of £30 985.72 will cover the community contribution element of the redevelopment funding.		
8	Date of next meeting	A date to be arranged for April.	C Dunn	