

Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh

CARLOWAY ESTATE TRUST

Zoom Meeting at 7.30pm

Date: 28th April 2021

Present: Jacqueline Ferguson, Neil Macarthur, Alex A. Macdonald, Murdo N Maciver, Kenny John MacIennan, Derek Macleod, Dòmhnall Macleòid, Iain D. Macleod, Iain Norman Macleod.

In attendance: Donald Mackinnon, Sally Reynolds.

1. Apologies: Karen Maclean.

2. Declaration of interest: none declared at this point.

3. Minutes of previous meeting: Amendments to minutes included:

Item 7 – replace “*opening negotiations with UnT to agree a purchase price*” with “*discuss options with UNT.*”

Minutes approved subject to above amendment - Iain D Macleod, seconded by Dòmhnall Macleòid.

Further discussion on minutes regarding redaction of confidential issues on minutes published online but need to record accurate details for official minutes.

4. Matters arising:

4.1 Angling: In response to query about UOC buying a boat, K MacIennan said that the hire for the year is not expensive and the exercise will allow the Trust to evaluate if it would be a worthwhile investment.

4.2 Broch: UnT have requested more time to consider the Business Plan. If no word by next week, request for progress will be sent.

5. Finance: Balance for noting

6. Development Officer Update:

The Chair congratulated Donald Mackinnon on his efforts in the Carloway School Project. He gave a brief update on the progress so far and of the other projects he is involved in.

Dalmore to Lochganvich Community Forum: Working well together and a constitution currently being written.

Callanish Car Park: Had some very positive engagement and several options now being looked at.

Community Workshop: Working with the architect and on design funding to stage 2. Hoping to co-opt members on to the subgroup at design stage.

7. 2021 AGM:

This was an election year. 5 Directors were due to step down (50% of total), and there were 2 other vacancies. This means that if 8 or more nominees came forward, a ballot would be held. Discussion on need to encourage people to come forward, particularly from the younger age group. Agreed to keep this item on the agenda going forward.

8. Development Manager Post:

This had been discussed at length during last month's meeting. Chair reported that a new contract had been issued, and a funding subgroup had been set up to identify potential sources of funding. A spreadsheet was issued with the current options. The Funding group agreed to meet regularly to advance this issue.

9. AOB:

9.1 Marine Renewables

UOC were working as part of a group from the West Side, producing a prospectus for potential developers and contractors. It was very early days, although there had been much speculation regarding rentals. UOC as part of this group was being proactive to ensure our communities were protected. It was agreed that Crown Estate Scotland needs to engage with the communities that may be affected.

9.2 Callanish 2&3

A very positive meeting had been held with Historic Environment Scotland and Callanish Grazings Clerk. HES was very happy with the condition of the ground. A new boardwalk to be installed. HES have funding but UOC have to apply for it. Agreement to go ahead if Callanish Grazings Committee agree.

9.3 House Site, Tolsta Chaolais:

Crofting Subgroup to meet in next few days with Anderson Macarthur.

9.4 Student Placement:

Three prospective students had been identified, but no further update.

9.5 Food Event:

Some residents had expressed a hope that a food event, similar to the Our Land and Sea Event might be repeated. It was hoped that when restrictions were eased, such an occasion could be organised.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance, and paid tribute to Sally's continued commitment to the work of UOC.

10 Date of Next Meeting: 26th May 2021