

Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh

CARLOWAY ESTATE TRUST

Zoom Meeting at 7.30pm

Date: Wednesday 25th August 2021, via zoom.

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

In attendance: Sally Reynolds

The Chairman welcomed everyone and announced the news that the Trust application to the SLF for funding to carry out the Broch project, including staffing costs, had been approved, although this had to remain confidential until October,

1. **Apologies:** N Macarthur, K Maclean, I. N. Macleod
2. **Declaration of Interest:** none at present.
3. **Minutes of Previous meeting:** Approved by M Maciver
Seconded by I. D Macleod
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - Gunnera – Spraying can be started as soon as weather permits. SR will chase up.
 - Director nominations – All encouraged to speak to any young people they knew that may be interested.
5. **Finance:** Profit and Loss sheet from Q1 circulated.
Prize money from FilmG had been received and was to be spent on environmental project. If anyone had an idea for this, to contact SR.
6. **Strategic Plan:** Circulated and discussed.
 - Bonnet Laird Walk - infrastructure was now complete.
 - EBikes – this will now be listed as a separate project. HIE have given funding for 6 Ebikes to be spent by March 2022. Funding applied for a 6 month post to organise this project. Bikes to be ordered for Feb/March delivery.
 - Angling – Full funding secured to improve reds. Ticket sales going well.
 - Broch – Application for funding approved. Public announcement embargoed until October. Board expressed thanks to DM and LDO for their hard work and drive on this application.

UHI have an augmented reality project in Uist and hope to work with us on Broch project.

Agreement to list E bikes and Community Workshop on the Strategic plan.

Marine Infrastructure Study – Proposal to apply to Crown Estate funding on a wider basis than before. To tie in with community engagement from the potential Scottish Wind Power proposals. To include a feasibility study to look at pontoons in Carloway or Breasclete. It was known that local businesses were interested in this possibility.

Goose Scheme – Funding not guaranteed for next year.

7. **Quarterly reports:** Reports submitted. KJ commented on the high quality of these reports and how valuable the Board found them.

Peatlands – had become to subject of discussion around carbon credits, with speculative companies beginning to approach community landowners. CLOH were organising a seminar to bring agencies together to find out more about the benefits and pitfalls of this and Scottish Land Commission had advised landowners not to go down this route until more was known.

8. **AGM and Elections:** To let SR and KJM know if anyone is interested in standing. Comms group to meet before next board meeting.
9. **Gaelic Summer School:** A paper from UHI was circulated about the possibility of holding a summer school in the area, All agreed to send a positive response to UHI.

10. Staff Posts: DM post secured meantime. Waiting on decision from HIE re LDO post, which won't come until December.

11. AOB: Broch centre is closed at present.

Meetings to alternate between Breasclete and Zoom to be monitored.

12. Next Meeting – Wednesday 29th September 2021, 7.30 pm.
Breasclete Community Centre.