

Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh

CARLOWAY ESTATE TRUST

Zoom Meeting at 7.30pm

Date: 24th February 2021

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

In attendance: Sally Reynolds

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and began with sending best wishes to the Maclean family on behalf of the board.

1. **Apologies:** Karen Maclean, Dòmhnall Macleòid

2. **Declaration of Interest:** none at present.

3. **Minutes of Previous meeting**

27th January 2021. Approved N Macarthur. Seconded M Maciver

3rd February 2021 Approved A Macdonald, Seconded N Macarthur

4. **Matters Arising:** Covered by agenda.

5. **Finance:**

Report submitted up to quarter 3

Discussion on Croft Rents. Invoices for 2 years likely to be issued due to Covid closures. To allow tenants to pay 2021 rent later. Yearend accounts will be affected by this.

6. **Strategic Plan:**

Bonnet Laird walk signage delivered. Still to be installed.

Angling: HIE had fed back to consultants their disappointment in the survey. There was the possibility of hiring a couple of boats to trial for the season.

Airigh pods and Campsite. Working on a wild camping survey with Urras nan Tursachan.

John Muir Project: Delayed due to Covid.

Goose Scheme: Starting next week.

Marine Renewables: Sally informed the Board about a proposed offshore lease off Carloway area and concerns regarding lack of community consultation. CnES have suggested that community groups from the Westside collaborate to ensure this goes forward. It was felt important to keep this item on the agenda.

7. **Broch Report**: The Community Consultation meeting had been very successful. 19 had attended, and all were on the same wavelength as the Board – independently chose the same priorities to be submitted to the consultants.

CnES reported that car park delay is due to relocation of SSE pole. Permissions now granted. Sally will speak to Council for update of start date and to incorporate service requirements for parking meter, campervan hook ups and potential food van.

HES stated that work on Broch will recommence in April, weather permitting.

8. **Quarterly Reports Submitted**

Local Development Officer: UOC will take ownership of Workshop this month. Will be closed to public due to covid restrictions and to allow repairs to begin.

Peatland Officer: Arnol project underway. A very positive press release from Scottish Government, describing the “game changing” work being carried out.

Development Manager Report. Covered in Strategic Plan

9. **AOB**

Carloway School had suffered damage from burst pipes due to the frost. Water and power were now disconnected until construction is complete, so printer now inaccessible. CnES had allowed CCA to use the former care unit, and UOC would lease rooms for storage. Help would be required to help move items to care unit.

Development Manager then left, and meeting continued with Directors only.

10. **Development Manager Post**

Submission regarding funding for this post to HIE discussed.

Decision to wait for reply then look for alternative funding. To contact Cllr Fraser regarding Crown Estate Funding.

Date of Next Meeting: 31st March 2021