Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh
CARLOWAY ESTATE TRUST
Zoom Meeting at 7.30pm

Date: 26th May 2021

Present: Jacqueline Ferguson, Neil Macarthur, Kenny John Maclennan, Derek Macleod, Iain D. Macleod.
In attendance: Ben Inglis-Grant, Sally Reynolds

1. Apologies: Alex A. Macdonald, Murdo N Maciver, Karen Maclean, Dòmhnall Macleòid, Iain Norman Macleod.

The Board recorded their best wishes to Alex Macdonald for a speedy recovery.

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

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**: Approved: Iain D Maciver

Seconded: N Macarthur

4. Matters Arising:

Publication of Minutes: Personal details will be removed from minutes before they are published online.

Angling: Meeting of the sub-committee will be held on Monday. K. Maclennan reported that the boat it was hoped to lease had been sold.

Broch: Will be discussed as part of strategic plan.

Dalmore – Garynahine Forum: UOC is anchor organisation for this group which was working well.

AGM: to be agenda item for next meeting.

Marine Power: Ongoing involvement as part of larger group.

Callanish 2 + 3: HES have informed UOC that there is no longer any funding available for the boardwalk. Other options were now being considered.

House plot: situation had been resolved.

Student Placement had been unsuccessful under Comhairle scheme. Scotgrad placement scheme was opening soon and was a better fit for UOC needs.

Food Event: keep idea on back burner until restrictions allow.

5. Presentation from Peatland Action: Ben Inglis-Grant gave a very interesting presentation of the work he has been doing around the islands. Despite covid restrictions, he had managed to bring more and more sites into the project.

6. Finance Update: Balance noted

7. Strategic Plan:

Broch: Sally had met twice with the Chair of the UnT Board. UnT have agreed to sell the visitor centre for the valuation figure.

The Calanais 2025 project was also discussed. UnT asked for formal support from UOC. All agreed it was important to have a good relationship with UnT as with any local organisation.

Board agreed to go ahead with purchase of Broch at valuation cost, and apply to SLF for funding.

8. Quarterly reports were circulated. Board appreciated the work all staff have been doing behind the scenes, and in producing these reports regularly. N Macarthur suggested publishing them in booklet for the AGM.

9. Funding Schemes: An overview of various funding schemes applied to for Development Manager Post circulated. UOC had also been included in a CnES bid for the Community Renewal Fund. The successful Ebike pilot had been a key factor in this.

Sally left meeting at this point.

K Maclennan informed directors that this was a critical stage for 2 fund deadlines, but neither will be resolved until August. He proposed that we fund Sally's post full time until September, to give stability, but still review monthly. A further proposal to fund for 6 months, until Christmas. Half salary from income and half from reserves unless funding is successful. All present agreed, but Chair will email rest of Board to gain full agreement.

It was noted that the Estate Management work is more than half time, so full commitment from the Board is helpful.

10. AOB: Queen's Platinum Jubilee – tree planting scheme to be introduced.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 30th June