

Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh

CARLOWAY ESTATE TRUST

Zoom Meeting at 7.30pm

Date: 29 April 2020

Present: Jacqueline Ferguson, Neil J. Macarthur, Alex A. MacDonald, Noreen MacDonald, Karen Maclean, Kenny John MacLennan, Dòmhnall MacIèoid, and Sally Reynolds.

1. Apologies – Murdo N. MacIver, Derek MacLeod, Iain D. MacLeod.

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting in these unusual circumstances, the first time chairing a Trust meeting like this. The chair thanked everyone for being here, using the technology, and especial thanks to the staff for what they are doing, working from home, but looking forward to the day we can get back together.

2. Declaration of Interest – none

3. Minutes 26th February 2020 were approved by Jacqueline Ferguson and seconded by Neil Macarthur.

4. Matters Arising:

5. Correspondence – Social Enterprise & Dalmore to Garynahine Community Forum. Contract letter from HIE extending the Development Officer's position until July 2021 currently with Anderson MacArthur to check the legalities; also contract for Local Development Officer's position continuing until March 2022.

6. Covid-19 - Sally Reynolds distributed an updated report on measures in place for staff working from home with daily video calls and the purchase of Zoom for wider meetings. A successful funding application received from HIE for trust to act as anchor organisation for current activities within the community to be supported behind the scenes rather than front line, including administration of volunteer expenses. A summary of the different funding streams available, with a short update on each scheme was presented, and Sally today received confirmation of the government grant through the Covid-19 rates relief scheme SBBS.

The chair stated it was good for the trust to be involved, but not taking anything away from the valuable work individual groups were doing in the community. Dòmhnall MacIèoid expressed his admiration for how well everything has been transferred from the office to online, which shows the professionalism of everybody, and also really good to see the work going on through the different

village organisations for the people who need help. Sally Reynolds agreed it has been amazing how quickly everyone has swapped to working online.

7. Finance – Sally Reynolds advised transferring the accounts online was taking longer than expected, but the bank balance is very healthy, and the normal report will shortly be sent out to the board.

8. Strategic Plan – the following items were highlighted:

8.1 Bonnet Laird Walk – the current situation is causing a delay in sourcing supplies for the signs, but hopefully will be resolved shortly.

8.2 Angling – the chair advised on the recent zoom meeting with the consultant who is working on the Business & Marketing Plan but looking forward to the visit of the angling specialist delayed by Covid-19. No ticket sales this year.

8.3 Broch – project moving forward.

9. Monthly Reports - the Chair wished to thank everyone for their reports, working from home, meeting online; very important that the team are together. The amount of funding generated within the area is quite considerable. Chair to meet with staff to discuss a format and timetable for attending board meetings.

10. Sub-Group Membership & Lead –

10.1 Crofting: K.J.MacLennan (Lead) A. A. MacDonald, D.MacLeod, I.N.MacLeod, Murdo N. MacIver.

10.2 Communication: D.Maclèoid (Lead) Jacqueline Ferguson, Iain D.MacLeod, N.MacDonald,

10.3 Angling: K.J.MacLennan (Lead) N.J.Macarthur, A.A. MacDonald, Co-opted I.Knight, R.Fraser, Luke Morrison

11. Five Year Anniversary – on hold due to Covid-19.

12. Any Other Competent Business – none

Date of next Zoom Meeting

Wednesday 27th May at 7.30

June 24 (B)

July 29 (B)

August 26 ©

September 30 (B)

October 28 (C)

November 25 (B)