

Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh

CARLOWAY ESTATE TRUST

Single Item Zoom Meeting at 7.30pm

Date: 16th September 2020

Present: Jacqueline Ferguson, Neil J. Macarthur, Alex A. MacDonald, Kenny John MacLennan, Derek Macleod, Iain D Macleod Dòmhnall MacIèoid, with Donald Mackinnon and Sally Reynolds.

1. Apologies: Murdo N Maciver, Karen Maclean, Iain Norman Macleod.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the single item meeting and thanked Donald and Sally for attending in an advisory capacity.

2. Declaration of Interest: None declared at present.

3. Finance: Sally presented a table showing a breakdown of core funding, to assist in decision making.

4. Community Workshop: Paper presented on offer of significant funding from HIE for this project. Two options now available.

Option 1 – Decline HIE offer and continue with SLF application

Option 2 – Accept HIE proposal and withdraw SLF application.

Discussion on merits and risks of both options. All members agreed to Option 2 and accept HIE offer.

5. Broch: Iain D Macleod declared an interest at this item due to another position.

Discussion on need to have specific targets and aims to allow consultants to work in conjunction with the Board members.

The following ideas were discussed and approved to carry forward. Recognition that timing is crucial, but we should be ready to go with plans as soon as possible.

- Donations box with clear signage to be erected – possibly a form of turnstile arrangement.

- Student placement to be organised for next tourist season. This would include surveying number of visitors and identifying needs.
- Provision of a visitor experience, which would be chargeable.
- Donald Mackinnon to assist on this project.

6. Angling: Disappointed in report and noted that no visit from Angling expert has yet taken place.

To set up local angling membership and sell tickets to external customers.

OHFT will work with UOC to take this forward.

7. Bonnet Laird Walk: Ideas to take forward – further discussion required

- Donation Box
- Leaflet
- Guided Walks
- Cultural and Heritage interpretation
- Local guide/ranger
- Provision of electric bikes for transfer.