

Minutes of Horshader Community Development Board Meeting on 21 May 2018

Venue: Raebhat House, 7.00pm

Present: Flora MacLeod; Sharon MacLeod; Jimina MacLeod; Mairi MacLean; Alisdair Wiseman; Alan Murray (Development Officer); Iain MacArthur (by telephone).

Apologies: Domhnall MacLeod; Richard Macdonald.

Organising the community meeting

- We tied down all the details for the forthcoming community meeting – see the action list for details.

Confirming short-term projects

- We agreed to ask for input from the community meeting on smaller scale projects that we can start and finish in a short period of time. We can add this input to the ideas that we have already generated so that we can get a sensible mix of activity going as soon as possible after the community meeting.

The new template for the newsletter

- We confirmed that we need to make sure we don't overlap with Fuaran. The HCDT newsletter will cover just the Horshader area and will go into greater depth for local people.
- The next edition of the newsletter will be completed on 22 May and we will aim to send a copy out to every household in the Horshader area by the end of the week. We need to make sure that we don't send anything to people that have explicitly said in the past that they do not want anything from the Trust.

Actions from last meeting

- Flora took the Directors through the actions from the last meeting.

Midas training

- We agreed to finalise the list of people who would like to do Midas training as soon as possible and then get on with organising the training.
- We will need to look at the implications of PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) to ensure that everyone who is involved in using the minibus for school runs and the like are fully accredited.

Staff advertisements

- We agreed to fast-track the recruitment of the Admin Assistant and the Gardening Assistant to take account of the start of the new academic year in late September for the former and the start of the growing season for the latter.

Live community projects

- We agree to put a review of live projects on hold meantime until more pressing issues have been addressed.

Turbine insurance

- We confirmed that we have a current insurance policy although the terms and conditions do appear to be onerous.
- We agreed to calculate the loss of revenue caused by the recent turbine downtime so that we can make a sensible judgement about whether or not to make a claim under our insurance policy.

Quotes for rectifying the electrics in the café kitchen

- Alan has had no response from the two contractors contacted for quotes. This is now extremely urgent as it is a safety hazard. We need to approach 2 or 3 alternative contractors impressing on them the urgency of the situation.

Mindfulness workshop

- We agreed to take this forward – Flora will speak to Lucy this week.

Other business

- Dalmore polycrubs water supply: we agreed that we should approach AMK to rectify the temporary solution that they put in place at a cost of £7,000.
- We agreed to look at the criteria used to determine eligibility for bursaries so that we can eliminate some of the unfortunate situations in the past. We should do this in time for applications for the next academic year.
- We agreed that it makes huge sense for the Trust to reach out to other voluntary organisations in the Horshader area so that we can work closely together to develop and sustain the local community. We will put a call out to all such organisations in the next newsletter and then organise a social/business meeting with representatives of each group.
- We agreed that we should aim to ensure that any funds granted to organisations outside the community were, as far as possible, matched by funds invested in our own community. However, this community investment must take the form of projects that comply with Charities Law regulations.
- Alan and Sharon have been added as signatories to the Co-op Bank account.
- There is a need to write a formal minute confirming that David Wright and Eileen MacDonald are no longer Directors of the Trust – this minute must be signed and passed on to the Co-op Bank.
- We agreed to reinstate community spins but that they should be open to people of all ages and abilities.
- We agreed to provide £650 funding to the Bragar Fitness Group, a service that is primarily used by local people. We will investigate the possibility of the Group using the big room in Raebhat House for their fitness sessions and kit storage options at Raebhat House. Finally, we will find out if staff and tenants at Raebhat House would be happy for fitness sessions to take place in the big at certain times of the day.
- We agreed not to continue advertising the Trust in the Events newspaper.
- We agreed to present CIB with a series of questions that we would like answered as part of providing the first set of monthly management accounts to the Directors.

Next meeting: Monday 28 May 2018, Raebhat House, 7.00pm

The Board of the Horshader Community Development Trust