

Minutes of the HCDT Board Meeting on 16 January 2020

Present: Flora MacLeod; Mairi MacLean; Alisdair Wiseman; Jimina MacLeod; and Euan Macleod (Development Manager).

Apologies: Domhnall Allan MacLeod

Venue: Raebhat House

- **Funding Applications:**
 - * The application by Volunteering Hebrides for their Befriending Project was rejected. A meeting will be arranged to discuss projects the group could run in the HCD area.
 - * A Bursary application by Annie MacLennan was approved.
- **Recruitment:** 2nd interviews will be offered to 3 applicants. The candidates will be invited for 2nd interview on 4th February.
- **Building Control and Community Space**
 - * A meeting will be arranged with O'MAC to discuss additional works necessary to comply with building regulations.
 - * Discussion between HCD and Building Control are ongoing with a number of issues having been raised relating to the refurbished community space at Raebhat House.
- **Room Rental:** A request to rent the upstairs office at Raebhat House was approved. The room will be used Mon-Fri as of 24th February.
- **Support and Connect:** Having received confirmation of funding from Scot Govt., we decided to advertise for an Assistant Gardener in January.
- **Tree Ark Working Expansion:** A Project Charter for the Tree Ark Expansion was distributed along with a visual plan of the proposed tree nursery. A fully developed project charter will be presented to the Directos at the February meeting as additional, and updated, costings are required. We agreed that the project should progress due to the opportunity to produce indigenous and zone 103 trees for community use and commercial sale. Ownership of the land surrounding Raebhat House will be clarified. The fencing of HCD land at Raebhat House will also be assessed. HCD will continue to use project charters for future projects, this creates a recognisable and easy to use format for discussing project proposals, and reviewing progress.
- **Horshader Forest Proposal:** Alisdair will meet with Euan and Chris to discuss initial ideas and objectives of the HCD Forest. Consideration will be given to possible members of a Forest Working Group and a meeting of the group will be arranged for February.
- **Coastal Walk Upgrade:** Jordan has produced a project charter for the project. A fully developed charter, including cost estimates, will be produced for the February board meeting.
- **AOB:**
 - * James Mackenzie (piper) will be invited to play at the Iolaire 100 Remembrance night at Raebhat House, 31st January.
 - * Staff will be reminded to put safety first in the event of bad/extreme weather.

Next meeting: 27th February

The Board of the Horshader Community Development Trust