

## **Minutes of Horshader Community Development Board Meeting on 18 June 2018**

**Present:** Flora MacLeod; Jimina MacLeod; Mairi MacLean; Domhnall MacLeod; Alisdair Wiseman; Alan Murray (Development Officer).

**Apologies:** Sharon MacLeod; Iain MacArthur.

### **Following up on the community consultation meeting**

- We will compile a special edition of the newsletter to inform the community about the consultation meeting and talk about what happens next. This will go out in the next couple of weeks or so.
- We do not yet have any suggestions for a name for the newsletter. So, we will approach the school to see if we can run a competition for the children to come up with a name, English or Gaelic with a translation in small type below. There will be a prize for the winning name.
- The Board will make a donation of £100 to the school in lieu of takings from the raffle.
- A gift for Ali MacLennan for compiling the quiz for the community meeting has been donated by Mairi Maclean.
- Alisdair has consolidated the output from previous consultation meetings with that from the community meeting on 9 June 2018. Together, these ideas provide the raw material for the creation of a Trust Development Plan where we will select those projects that we feel we can sensibly take forward, set priorities, establish resource requirements and timescales. This would best be done when we can ensure that we have the maximum number of Directors present.
- We agreed to hold the first quarterly community meeting in the community room at Raebhat House on Monday 10 September 2018. The purpose of these meetings is to provide members of the community with the opportunity to come along and raise concerns with, and ask questions of, the Directors. The aim is to make these meetings informal and at least partly social. We will put a notice in a future edition of the newsletter.
- We agreed to make an exhibition of Basher's artwork part of this quarterly meeting, although we might find a way of opening the exhibition in advance of the meeting. We need to make sure that Basher is OK with this idea before making any plans.

### **Actions from last meeting**

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

### **Rectifying the electrics in the café kitchen**

- Kevin Macrae has completed the remedial work in the kitchen – it is now fully safe to operate.
- At the same time, Fergusons did an annual service on the cooker so that it is also now fully compliant.

### **The loom**

- Ross has confirmed that the loom will be returned on Wednesday 20 June 2018 and stored in the shed - space has been cleared.

### **Midas & first aid training**

- We will aim to get a group of people together to do Midas training in September. We need to understand how many people are required to make a training course viable from the perspective of the people delivering the training.
- We will also aim to get a number of staff and other people associated with the Trust through a one-day first aid training course. We believe that at least one person will have to complete the three-day training course, given the number of people in the employ of the Trust.

### **Staff advertisements**

- Alan has a shortlist for the post of Assistant Gardener and hopes to make an appointment shortly. David Murdo has been involved in the selection process.

### **Turbine insurance**

- We have had word back from SSE who now believe that they need to build a new unit (at their expense) for the turbine which means that downtime will be even greater than originally anticipated. This will make it imperative that we make an insurance claim to protect the Trust from loss of income that would result from the turbine downtime. The insurance claim looks as though it will be onerous but we will make it regardless.

### **Temporary water supply to the Dalmore polycrubs**

- The recent heavy rain has helped to confirm that the temporary water supply solution to the Dalmore polycrubs is working once again. However, it is important that we proceed with a permanent water supply. Our current supplier seems uninterested in providing a quote. So we will approach other providers to see if we can get a competitive quote from them instead.

### **Local voluntary groups**

- To date, no voluntary groups in the area have been in touch with the Trust following our request through the last edition of the newsletter. We agreed that it is in everyone's best interests that all local voluntary groups cooperate closely. We will continue to encourage people to come to an initial meeting but agreed that this is not an immediate priority. It is further complicated by the overlap of local estates and other community areas to the south and north of Horshader.
- We will ask Jordan to compile a list of all the local voluntary groups so that we can approach them.

### **Criteria for the provision of bursaries**

- We have made no progress on reviewing the criteria for providing bursaries due to the volume of work associated with addressing other pressing issues. We agreed that it might make sense to form a small working group comprising one Director and a couple of people from the community to look at this and make recommendations to the Board in due course. We recognise that it would be beneficial to complete this work before the end of August.

### **Financial information about the Trust**

- Alisdair shared an e-mail from Calum at CIB that indicated we will have the April 2018 management accounts on 20 June 2018 and the May management accounts and the 2017 annual accounts by the end of the week commencing 2 July 2018.
- We agreed that we would like to share this financial information with the community once we have it as it is important that everyone has an up-to-date understanding of Trust finances.

### **Helping the Museum Project demonstrate youth engagement**

- Alisdair went into more detail about a brief conversation he had during the community consultation. The Museum Project is keen to be able to demonstrate youth engagement as part of seeking grant funding. He went on to suggest a specific way in which this might be done. The Trust could coordinate a project where we asked children at the school to draw a picture and write a short story about artefacts they had seen in a visit to the Historical Society. We could then design a publication using 20-30 pictures and stories, print a number for distribution to the children involved and create an online version of the publication to uploaded onto the Horshader website. We could also approach a publisher like Acair to see if they would create a proper book from the project for wider distribution. And we could award a prize for the best picture-story combination. We will circulate the project brief and also approach the school to see if this is something they would be willing to participate in.

### **Beach cleans in the Horshader area**

- The Board has agreed that the Horshader minibus could be made available to the beach cleans on 18 August 2018. There was a concern that this might be the date of the Hebridean Triathlon but it turns out that this is on 28 July 2018.

### **Vacant Director posts**

- We agreed to consider who might like to fill the two vacant posts on the Trust Board but also agreed that no one is likely to be interested in applying while the current situation with the shop and café is being addressed – we are fairly certain that most people in the community are aware of the situation.

### **HCDT bank accounts**

- We will seek guidance from CIB Services regarding how we might spread Trust funds between a series of unrelated bank accounts to eliminate any risk associated with a bank failure. This is a matter of urgency.
- We will look at whether or not the local credit union might be a place to invest funds.

### **Community Diary**

- We were reminded about how well the community diary worked in terms of letting people know what was happening up and down the west side. We will look into the logistics of reinstating this, although this is not an immediate priority.

### **Funding applications**

- We agreed to release the £10,000 grant funding that had been committed to the Iolaire Appeal by the previous Board.
- We will not make substantial grants to any body until we have a clear idea of Trust finances; and when this information is available, we will prioritise projects within Horshader ahead of those outside the community.

**Next meeting:** Monday 25 June 2018, 7.00pm.

The Board of the Horshader Community Development Trust