

Minutes of the HCDT Board Meeting on 22 March 2022

Present: Carole Miller, Fiona Jefferson, Innes Harrison, John Gordon, Euan MacLeod (Development Manager), Murdo MacLeod (An Eathar).

Venue: Raebhat House, North Shawbost, HS2 9BD

- The board met with Murdo MacLeod to discuss the funding application by An Eathar Coastal Rowing Club and the relationship between An Eathar and Horshader. After the discussion Murdo left the meeting.
- Following the meeting the board agreed that all An Eather equipment will be moved to the big shed. All Horshader equipment will be moved to storage containers. A formal tenant – landlord agreement will be written.
- **Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting**
 - At the next meeting the board will consider how to support people learning a trade within the bursary scheme.
 - Keith Emmerson's proposal was approved. Keith will be hired on a part-time basis to establish the electrical repair workshop, which will be housed in the small shed at Raebhat House. A suitable salary was agreed. Funding will be provided to purchase the equipment needed to run the project, and to improve the condition of the shed.
 - The 2021 Christmas meal went well. We are grateful to Grinneabhat for hosting us.
 - The vehicle insurance states that the van and minibus must be kept overnight at Raebhat House.
 - The winter fuel extension letters were sent out following the previous meeting. Most households have responded. The community has shown a lot of gratitude shown for the initiative.
 - The smart tvs have yet to arrive.
- **Communications:**
 - The Membership application by Mark Smith was approved.
 - Welcome packs will go to the new residents in the community.
 - The board acknowledged the letter from Alisdair Wiseman regarding staff matters.
 - There was discussion of the letter from Alisdair Wiseman regarding beach signage at Dalbeag. Horshader will erect suitable signage as soon as possible.
- **Funding Applications:**
 - * The application by An Eathar to the HCD Community Fund was successful. £2k was awarded to the group for their project.
 - * The Sgoil Àraich at Shawbost School was awarded £200 towards their project to buy bird feeders and other garden items.
 - * The grant to cover repairs to Ionad na Seann Sgoil was paid out after the February meeting.
 - * The Healthy Islands funded part of the Slàn san Dachaigh project has progressed well. All the equipment has been ordered and has begun to arrive. The appointment of the health and wellbeing officer will enable us to develop the project further, making the equipment available to the community in the most suitable way.
- **Staff Matters:**
 - * The Office Manager post, and the Health and Wellbeing Officer, will be readvertised as soon as possible. The job info will be advertised in local media, in popular island shops and meeting places, and in the job centre.
- **Finance Update:**

- * The monthly management accounts for January have not been received. Despite that, the board are confident that the trust remains in a secure financial situation.
 - * CIB will be informed of plans for the AGM. We will invite CIB to the April board meeting.
- **Business Update:**
- * The Tree Ark nursery standards have improved considerably and the facility is making good progress towards this year's targets. We will purchase a pallet lifter to help staff.
 - * 19 allotment spaces have been taken up so far (22 growers in total).
 - * Over £100k has been secured in external funding for this year.
 - * There was discussion of the UK CRF project activities. These are progressing well in the main and issues affecting 2 of the activities (back to work scheme, staff training) are being addressed.
 - * The directors folder
- **Annual General Meeting:**
- * The AGM will be held on Wednesday 11 May. Members will be notified as soon as possible.
- **Planning Day:**
- * No date was set.
 - * The board will use Miro boards to carry out strategic planning. Carole will set up the Horshader miro board.
- **AOCB:**
- * The dormant Horshader twitter account will be shut down.
 - * The music project proposed by Carole was approved. The Horshader Singing circle will be established over the coming months. In anticipation of the first event, we will contact singing tutors, and purchase an electric piano.

Next meeting: Board Meeting, 7.00pm, 20 April 2022. The meeting will be held at Raebhat House.

The Board of the Horshader Community Development Trust