

Minutes of HCDT Board Meeting on 20 August 2018

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

Apologies: Domhnall MacLeod (however, Domhnall e-mailed his thoughts about key projects for the Trust Development Plan).

Venue: Raebhat House.

Trust Development Plan

- We began working on the creation of a new Trust Development Plan that will cover the next 5 or more years and will be updated on at least an annual basis in the future.
- We confirmed the Trust's mission: Our mission, into the foreseeable future and with the support of the people in the area, is to make the Horshader community an attractive, sustainable and vibrant community to live in.
- Each of the eight charitable aims represents what are called Key Strategic Tasks, the small number of significant things that must be done in order for the Trust to fulfil its mission. We added a ninth Key Strategic Task: Building a stronger Community Development Trust which relates to everything associated with running the Trust in the most effective manner whilst complying with the numerous legal requirements placed on an organisation with charitable status.
- We considered the relative importance of the charitable aims to help with decisions about the allocation of funds and resources in the future.
- We worked through all the ideas that had been suggested in the Community Consultation of 9 June 2018 and indeed from all the previous consultations. Each idea was associated with one of the Trust's charitable aims and we then selected the three most important ideas for each Key Strategic Task – this recognises that, despite the best will in the world, the Trust cannot take all the ideas forward.
- By the end of the session, we had created a first draft of the Trust Development Plan. There is more work to do to finalise the Plan and then develop a 12-18 month action plan which will cover those projects that the Directors wish to initiate through the remainder of 2018 and then 2019. Of course, a critical part of this additional work will be to take the Plan to the members of the Trust to gain their commitment. The Directors will provide an update on progress at the quarterly meeting to be held in Raebhat House on Monday 17 September 2018 – we wish to encourage all members of the Horshader Community Development Trust to attend.

Other business dealt with at the end of the meeting

- Calum Macdonald has confirmed that we will have the final financial report on the shop and café before the quarterly meeting.
- He also confirmed that he can direct us towards banks he recommends, but unfortunately can't help with the set up of new bank accounts.
- The 2017 accounts can be presented at the quarterly meeting.
- Calum said he will help us with budgets and a financial forecast for 2018/19.
- Calum confirmed that rental income from the looms is shown under 'Income from Charitable Activities' section in the reports.
- The turbine insurance claim has progressed onto the next stage. However, the problem with the turbine (STATCOM) has reoccurred and that SSE may have to pursue a more involved alternative. Our contact at SSE has put Horshader forward as one of the four sites where they might trial a pole-mounted alternative, given the amount of downtime and curtailment we have experienced this year. Alan has provided SSE with our land deeds, which they will need to determine the area they have to work with for their alternative solution.

- A local Development Officers group meeting will be held soon.
- Alan has been added as a contact to the Community Diary.
- The grant for Kathleen's father's chair has been issued – this is the first grant under the new scheme to provide necessary equipment to people in the community.
- Clean Squad has been given the go-ahead to deep clean the kitchen – we are now waiting for them to give us a commencement date.
- Angela, our cleaner, has kindly agreed to put some hours in to clean the shop, storerooms and toilets in the shop/café.
- The Trust agreed to provide our minibus to the beach clean that happened on 18 August 2018 further up the coast. Unfortunately, the minibus was damaged and returned in an unclean state. We decided that, in the meantime, there will be no further hires to other parties without our own bus driver.
- The student bursary for Seumas Macleod was approved
- The funding application by South Shawbost Grazings Committee for “Drochaid An Loch - Docca Ruadh Re-instatement project” was approved.
- We agreed that we now need to take affirmative action with regard to the loom.

Next meeting: Monday 3 September 2018, Raebhat House.

The Board of the Horshader Community Development Trust