

Minutes of the HCDT Board Meeting on 26 September 2019

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

Apologies: Domhnall MacLeod

Venue: Raebhat House

- **Bursary and Training Grant Applications:**
 - * A Bursary application by Leonidas Clifton was approved.
- **Funding Applications:**
 - * The Old School Committee enquired as to whether an application for funding towards costs of the annual Fireworks Night at Ionad na Seann Sgoil. We agreed an application will be considered if one is submitted.
 - * Còmhla (Better Together) set up a bank account and provided evidence of project costs relating to their efforts to bring Epilepsy training to the island. The group have informed us that the training provider (Epilepsy Scotland) is providing extra school awareness sessions as a result of the training being arranged. The training will take place at Raebhat on Friday 4th October.
 - * Clann an Là an Dè must promote their community spins to the whole community in future with advert on social media/local media.
- **Recruitment:** We agreed to offer all the applicants an interview. David Murdo will observe the interview, and will lead a practical session with each candidate. Interviews will be arranged as soon as possible.
- **Community Space Update**
 - * Work on the accesible path has begun and should be complete by 3rd October.
 - * Equipment for the Community Space has been ordered (e.g. Flip Chart). We agreed to buy a projector suitable for films, and look into buying a TV/Screen.
- **Community Space Pricing Policy and Operation**
 - * The Kitchen will not be listed as a seperate section. A deposit will be requested from each group/individual hiring the space, this can be retained if the space is left unclean/untidy.
 - * Laura created an Exhibition Agreement, to use with any visiting artists or art groups exhibiting in the Community Space. Exhibitions by partner groups and visiting artists/groups will be planned along with HCD-led exhibitions.
 - * Laura will investigate appropriate accreditation for the Community Space kitchen.
 - * Bragar Fitness have enquired about cost of hire for a new class. We agreed that any additional classes should incur the regular charge for hires.
- **Community Programme**
 - * Plans for the HCD Community Programme are progressing. A Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held on Friday 27th September. A Book Club will be advertised in October, with a November start date. Gaelic Classes will begin at the end of October. Music lessons are being advertised and have had a good level of interest. The weekly Coffee Morning will begin on October 11th, rather than 4th as Shawbost School have a Coffee Afternoon for Bethesda.
 - * Margaret Ferguson visited the Community Space to discuss an exhibition of her lolaire portraits. There are 14 portraits of men from the Westside which she hopes to display in the community for a period. We agreed to discuss the proposal further but with a view to a fixed period exhibition, rather than a semi-permanent loan.
- **Development Manager Report:** After consideration, a funding application for a new Climate Challenge Fund project was not submitted. An application for a partner project with Carloway Community Association and Oighreachd Charlabhaigh has been prepared and

submitted to CCF stage-1. If successful, the household energy efficiency project run by Oighreachd Charlabhagh and Galson Estate since 2017 will be extended to all residents in the Horshader Community. We are still awaiting decisions on the applications to Investing in Communities and Eat Well Age Well. Applications to Tasgadh (Fèisean nan Gàidheal), Music for All, Taic Freumhan Coimhearsnachd (Bòrd na Gàidhlig), Pebble Trust, and Mackintosh Foundation are currently being prepared.

○ **AOB:**

- * It has been noted that lights have been left on at Raebhat a number of times recently – internal and external. Staff will be reminded to turn lights off.
- * Jordan has processed all necessary forms for changes to the bank signatories, with Euan being added and Allan being removed from all accounts.
- * Jordan advises that the second insurance claim is being processed but has not yet been received.
- * A short note will be sent to Pam Harvey to thank her for assisting with the turbine problems.
- * 4 new households in the HCD area will be welcomed with a visit and membership forms.

Next meeting: 31st October 7pm

The Board of the Horshader Community Development Trust