

Horshader Community Development Trust
Minutes of Board Meeting
Monday 31 July 2023

1. Preliminaries

Present: Donna MacLennan, Nadine Ben Ali, Carole Miller, Fiona Jefferson, Flora Macleod, Jimina Macleod, Donald Murray

Apologies: None

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes approved with amendments.

Any Declarations of Interests: None

2. Review Of Actions From Previous Minutes

Risort Board Meeting – Board met on 27.06.23 – Minutes from that meeting approved.

Actions for Risort -

Co-op happy with everything so will pay upfront so no tax will be required to be paid.
Turbine was down due to the power cut, ended up being down for 10 hours.
Co-op bank picked up we had downtime in June – all explained as Island off grid.

3. Project Evaluation Group

Peg met today for 2nd time and two projects have been reported back to the Board.

1. An Eathar - approved.
2. Lucky to be Here -approved.

4. Operational Update/Financial Update

Van Replacement – Look at next month.

Membership Applications – Mr & Mrs Macleod, 25 South Shawbost applications approved.

Bursary Applications – None

Development Officer Post – 3 shortlisted applicants. Date for interview Thursday 10th August. Carole Millar, Fiona Jefferson and Donna MacLennan to interview - 1 hour per interview, 15 minutes in-between starting at 10am. Request candidates produce 5-minute presentation.

Accounts/AGM – still waiting for final accounts.

Meeting with Landlord – Laura, Nadine and Carole met with landlord recently. He was seeking the views of the Trust in relation to Northland. Discussed Woodland plan and he was happy with that.

Development Plan: Nadine distributed the information she has gathered from all the development plans done up to June 2023, with a view for directors to work through and make a more definitive list. The board expressed their thanks to Nadine for all her hard work pulling the information together. Council development officer is planning a visit to the Trust in September and is in regular contact with funding options for various different sources.

Scottish Government Funding – We did not receive any funding.

Budget Meeting – Date for budget meeting Monday 14th August 2023.

5. Project Updates –

Support and Connect – Lawnmower back up at Dee's, see costs involved in repairs.

Tree Ark – Doing better, got rid of all the gnats. Laura is trying to contact company they sourced the compost from.

Community Woodland – Laura will meet with rep from grazings committee, decision re location will then go back to the grazings committee for approval.

6. AOCB –

Memorial Bench – Look back on minutes.

Finance -Mann Judd Gordon will advise for contingencies.

2021 AGM Minutes – Sorted.

OSCR Public Expression of Concern – Historical concerns have been noted and not upheld as OSCR satisfied that the Trust have addressed issues raised.

Date of next meeting 28th August 2023.