

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 AT  
7.30pm IN HORSHADER OFFICES, SHAWBOST**

**Present:** Carole Millar, Donald Murray, Flora Macleod, Fiona Jefferson and Donna Macleannan.

**Apologies:** Jimina Macleod

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting** - Minutes of last meeting were approved and signed.

2. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes** –

**Feis** - Carole has been in touch with Calum Alex Macmillan and the Lewis FnG support worker Peigi Ann Sheilds to take this idea forward.

3. **Development Trust Association Scotland**

A meeting was held through teams with Audrey Dunn from DTAS to discuss membership. She will let us know in the next couple of months if we have passed the criteria to join.

3. **Bursary/Grants/Membership applications**

i) An application for grant had been received from Shawbost Old School Trust but had been overlooked when we received it in November 2022. It came in after the moratorium had been put in place. They will be written to and it explained that they will receive a grant when finances permit.

ii) An associate membership application from Mike Andrews was approved.

4. **Staffing**

Development Officer – once finances allow could consider a part-time officer.

5. **Funding**

***Calmac Community Fund:*** We were successful and have received £2,000 to be spent as before on Blasta lunches. Donna has been liaising with George to see how we can get the most out of it. We will be looking to deliver to those who don't attend the lunches.

***Robertson Trust:*** Submitted and should hear within 10 weeks if we are successful or not. This is to cover wages and costs associated with the Support and Connect Project.

***Social Isolation and Loneliness Fund 2023 – 2026 (Scottish Government Fund):*** An expression of interest has been submitted. They decide early on whether your project will be worthwhile.

Other sources of funding is ongoing.

6. **Horshader Insurance**

An e-valuation has been done of all property/assets. Cost of insurance has gone up from £2,622.56 to £4,597.81 with added costs associated with correct storage of flammable materials.

7. **Development Plan**

Carole and Donna meeting with Alisdair Wiseman tomorrow to decide how to proceed and go forward with consulting membership and having them involved in the planning.

## **AOCB**

- **Completion Certificate** – lots of work has been completed so waiting on hearing back from CNES.
- **AGM**- Looking at May/June.
- **Mann Judd Gordon** – have signed up for them to audit our accounts.
- **Lloyds Cardnet** – starting to take card payments.
- **Public Entertainment Licence** – Environmental Health vising in a couple of weeks.
- **Grass cutting** – decreased numbers since price increase.