

Present: Carole Millar, Donald Murray, Donna Maclellan, Flora Macleod, Fiona Jefferson, Jimina Macleod

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting** - Minutes of last meeting were approved and signed.
2. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes** – Nothing.
3. **Finance and Budgets**
 - (a) Review of where we are now and update from general meeting – Members meeting went well and on the whole members supportive of the plans for the future.
 - (b) Jimina and Fiona still to complete bank details for Virgin Bank.
 - (c) Grant of approx. 20k from UK CRF still to be paid – Donna completing paperwork.
 - (d) Playgroup Funding – Invoice received for £80, Donna will find original email and send round.
4. **Community Space Update**

All works done so waiting for the final inspection from CNES.
5. **Funding Applications**

Calmac forms submitted. Pebble trust application has been started but she does need tree trainers to start now. Playpark Project – funding available but put on hold for time being until we have access to development post.
6. **Staffing**
 - (a) Interviews – Two applicants for interview tomorrow (Tuesday). Carole and Donna will interview and advise of outcome. If no suitable candidates then readvertise.
 - (b) Bonuses – Staff bonus' will wait until the trust is in a better financial position. Review again once funding is in a better position.
 - (c) Development Officer –No updates so far on sharing a Development Officer.
7. **Bursary/Membership Applications**
 - (a) Bursary's – None
 - (b) Membership - None
 - (c) Grant Applications – Shawbost School – for £500 towards panto (declined), Lewis and Harris Youth Pipeband (declined)
8. **Planning for the Future**

PEG – Volunteers for PEG group from community meeting. Look at getting group together with view to having introductory evening (find host to undertake it).

9. AGM

Due in May set date at Board Meeting end of March 2023.

10. AOCB

- (a) Staff/Board Evening – Look to have evening early Spring.
- (b) Support & Connect – Grass cutting criteria, Don produced a spreadsheet with a sliding scale of grass cutting clients. He also produced new criteria/costs etc associated for both members and non members. All agreed the proposals were excellent and should be implemented this year. Jimina suggested sending all households an application form for grass cutting. If household does not qualify then they can be offered service at full price. Only Horshader residents qualify for reduced rate. Review the cutting areas that are not charged.
- (c) Insurance – Renegotiated and they will give us £50k towards a crane if needed.
- (d) MSP Enercon – DML has sent letter to Alistair Allan who has sent on to Enercon.
- (e) Polycrubs – Increase rent to £35/year, change terms and conditions.
- (f) Minibus – Increase minibus charges, ask Don to review prices and bring into line with current costs.
- (g) Community Evening – Carole will draw up programme of events for the future.