



Geàrr-chunntas UTS – Mins of Meeting of Staffin Community Trust held at C of S Portacabin on 25.2.14 @ 7.30 pm

An làthair/Present: Dòmhnall, Dughal, Aonghas, Iain, Sine.

Leisgeulan/Apologies: Sandy, Gordon.

Geàrr-chunntas na coinneamh mu dheireadh - Mins of Previous Meeting [28.1.14]

- There was general consensus that these were accurate.

Gnothaichean ag èirigh - Matters Arising

- Ceum Bhrògaig/Brogaig Path

Gnìomh/Action – Dougie will inspect the path prior to us placing an advert in WHFP

Ionmhas – Finance

Gnìomh – Sine to forward letter spoken of to Donald's Rankin's office.

Development Officer Post

- After three years and two months, Marion finished work as Local Development Officer (LDO) on 24.2.14.
- The google mail e-mail address has been switched to staffin.ldo@gmail.com
- Marion has requested of the Post Office that they forward mail to Donald and Sine's address.
- Marion was thanked for her efforts and received two canvases of Trotternish which she very much liked and thanked us for.
- LDO job was advertised in WHFP and on Facebook.
- Interviews for post were set for Saturday 1.3.14 at The Portacabin, C of S.
- In the meantime, the SCT will request of Gordon Higgins if he wishes to carry out the work of LDO prior to recruitment and he will be offered this at the same rate of pay as Marion.

Cidhe Stafainn – Staffin Slipway and related Developments

- SCT has asked HIE that they put somebody in post to take forward this project, and it is hoped this will happen without much delay.

- Donald tabled the first draft of the brief by Skye Sea Harvest. Its shortcomings are that a) There is no mention of SCT, b) It focuses on 'The Slip' only and omits associated developments

Gnìomh/Action

- **Commission needed and List of consultations to be done.**
- **SCT to lodge first claim to EFF by 7.3.14.**
- Donald will work on the Brief and circulate to members of SCT for comments asap.
- SCT to make a swift approach to Highland Council to determine whether they will draw up a Brief for the road, with a reminder that the pier belongs to it. SCT to state that we have negotiated Lealt Quarry for future use.

Ceumannan II – Staffin Ecomuseum

- HLF has awarded a research grant.
- Phase II to be lodged in Aug 2014 and decision for full development expected Dec 2014.
- The contract was signed and lodged by Marion.

Gnìomh/Action

- **Confirmation of match funding from the council, Willie Mackinnon, Ward Manager, to be sought.**
- **Briefs have been started by Marion. These are to be finalised and ready to go asap. Gordon to be asked whether he can beef up the briefs.**

An Stòr – The Storr

- Options Appraisal by Ann Hackett, of the council, will be ready end March 2014.
- Invitation for SCT to go back to Ward meeting of Skye's Highland councillors will be forthcoming in April 2014.
- Modest replanting to be carried out by THC in the meantime.
- Duncan Bryden got the work of consultation on this.

Cuimhneachadh nan Croitearan – Crofters' Memorial

- 20k research fund awarded by Creative Scot
- Emma of ATLAS Arts is dealing with paperwork.
- Emma might be invited to next UTS meeting.

Leirmheas Taigheadais – Housing Survey

- Morven Taylor of Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust phoned Sìne today to confirm she had received 30 out of a possible 250 replies. She very much wants more if we are to raise awareness of affordable housing needs in Staffin.

Gnìomh – All of us to make an effort asap please to submit forms and get others from the community to do so also. Deadline has been extended to 11.3.14.

Forms may be completed online by following the link -
<http://hscht.poll daddy.com/s/staffinaffordable-housing-needs-survey-2013>

Letter is replicated below:

Dear Sine

Please find the link below for Facebook. Or people can go direct to our website www.hscht.co.uk and click downloads and then Staffin survey. The broadband survey is not online as requested by Marion and people can return it to us in the pre-paid envelope.

<http://hscht.poll daddy.com/s/staffinaffordable-housing-needs-survey-2013>

I hope the local radio helps with the return of the surveys and I look forward to catching up with you again soon.

Kind regards, Morven Taylor, Development Officer, The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust, 5 Ardross Terrace, Inverness, IV3 5NQ.

Gnìomh

- Sine to ask Tatties to get this request out on the radio, asking people to please return the forms by 11th March 2014. Sine to ask Sylvia Porter to put this on the Staffin Facebook page.

Àrainneachd, Cànan is Dualchas – Ruairidh Maclean's Course [4 gu 15.8.14]

- Those present agreed that we are willing to use the total Gaelic courses fund, if need be, to make the course happen in the absence of funds from grants being forthcoming.

Gnìomh

- Sine to lodge funding applic to SNH [*TFC already lodged*].

An ath Choinneamh/Next meeting

- Tuesday, 25.3.14 @ The Church of Scotland Portacabin @ 7.30 pm