

**Geàrr-chunntas UTS 31.5.16**  
**Minutes of Meeting of SCT on 31.5.16 @ 7.30 pm**  
**at Portacabin, Church of Scotland**

1. **An làthair/Present:** Donald MacDonald, Angus Ross, Ian MacDonald, Roddy Gillies, Sine Gillespie, Hugh Ross
2. **Leisgeulan/Apologies:** Dougie Ross, Sandy Ogilvie, Gordon Higgins

**3. A' Chidhe/Slipway**

- Skye Sea Harvest are revisiting the drawing board and much of their ongoing efforts are at a confidential stage. SSH still see Staffin as the place they want to be.
- For the Trust, key targets are to develop the pier infrastructure, create jobs and boost school roll.
- The project will not receive 100% funding and a commercial partner was needed to bring in funds. New funding for Scottish Coastal Communities comes in July 2016.

*Gnìomh/Action – Hugh to invite SSH to our June meeting*

**4. Cuimhneachadh nan Croitearan - Crofters' Memorial**

- Donald, Angus and Sine reported on their May trip to Cologne with ATLAS Arts, to visit a number of sites including a Chapel built by the community in memory of a benevolent monk named Brother Klaus.
- The meeting sees it as vital that our community will feel able to make a real connection with the historic event and what is built on the ground in the fullness of time.

**5. Storr**

- Hugh received a list of consultants to invite to tender, from HIE and the Development Trusts Association of Scotland. There are three teams bidding for the Options Appraisal/Business Plan and the bids exceeded the initial budget. All three teams have agreed to submit revised tenders meeting a slightly increased budget after all went over it. SCT must hold interviews with consultants and Donald, Angus and Hugh agreed to move this forward.
- *Gnìomh/Action – Hugh to draft and share list of questions with Board asap, and following interviews to share the 'scoring' of tenderers.*

**6. Taigheadas/Housing**

- Since previous meeting, a Local Plan meeting had been held in Portree with Hugh in attendance. The community clearly stated the need for affordable housing to officials via comments and an event in Staffin Hall. However, Hugh was concerned that the Staffin Community Council backing for the Stenscholl site was not accurately represented by the secretary Simon Gilkes at that Portree event. Hugh intended asking the Community Council to clarify its position at the next meeting it held. Hugh also noticed that the land behind Columba 1400 had not been included due to a mix-up with the land identified as 'The Glebe' and this was to be sorted by the Council.
- The Local Plan official Tim Stott advised that the Stenscholl site would likely be a "test case" when it goes to planning. The Local Plan was unlikely to be adopted before it was lodged.
- Alex Turner of SNH reiterated its unhappiness with the Stenscholl site and perceived impact on Staffin's crofting landscape/"human" dimension of the National Scenic Area.
- SCT agreed that it would like to proceed with a Design and Build approach, favouring it over the traditional approach.

*Gníomh/Action – Agreement needs to be signed off. An announcement should then be made to the community and we must then push forward.*

## **7. Ceumannan II**

- Planning application – at a cost of £100 – had been lodged on 30.5.16 by Hugh.
  - Following costs of all the Feasibility Studies, Economic Report and Audience Development Consultancy, etc there remains £4,700 in the budget.
  - Office and other expenses amounted to £2,500. Gordon inputted travel expenses, a cost which feeds back into UTS/SCT. LDO's time had been factored into application.
  - UTS/SCT Final bid to HLF will be lodged on Friday
  - It has been necessary to revise the sums included in Capital Works so they are broadly the same as the First Round application.
  - -Storr Path cost has been removed as a result, plus the Culnancnoc Township had not given permission to proceed so that path and bridge option was now excluded. Platform car park cost was also removed.
- “Gateway” interpretation structures at Flodigarry, Storr and Quiraing to be designed in delivery phase.
- A central Staffin “orientation point” with maps visuals about whole project is also proposed
- Costs include removal and replacement of all panels.
- There is a significant budget for interpretation.
- SCT website must be mobile-responsive.
- Costs for a project manager over 3 years have been included. Such a person would liaise with businesses and run a wide range of activities and events. Examples include a walking festival, health-oriented walking, archaeological workshop, dinosaur treasure hunt, wildlife photography course. Schools would have access to a curriculum and educational pack. Costed budget for grants. Need a management and maintenance plan. Rabbie's Coaches are offering staff in off-season to help maintain footpaths and a grant through its company carbon scheme. West Highland College is interested in maintenance and repair.
  - Hugh had spoken to HLF mentor who saw lots of strengths with Ceumannan II.

## **An ath choinneamh - Next Meeting**

- Tuesday, 28.6.16 @ 7.30 pm, at The Portacabin

## **Coinneamh bhliadhnail – AGM**

- **The meeting settled on a date of Tuesday 30.8.16**