



Geàrr-chunntas UTS Minutes of Staffin Community Trust

Monday Dimàirt, 30.10.18

7.30 pm

1. **An lathair/Present** – Stiuirichean/Directors - Sandy Ogilvie, Dugald Ross, Iain MacDonald, Calum MacDonald, Sine Ghilleasbuig. Luchd-obrach/Staff – Hugh Ross and Angus Murray.
Leisgeulan/Apologies – Donald MacDonald, Angus Ross, Roddy Gillies, Martin Farquhar

2. **Geàrr chunntas/Mins of EGM of 26.9.17**

This EGM was held last year to deal with changes in SCT Articles of Association.

SCT had omitted to approve these at the AGM last month.

The EGM minutes were now approved accordingly by Sandy Ogilvie and seconded by Ian MacDonald.

3. **Geàrr chunntas/Mins of Monthly Meeting, 25.9.18**

These were approved by Dugald Ross and seconded by Calum MacDonald.

4. **Gnothaichean ag èirigh/Matters Arising**

Sandy had received word from Martin Farquhar that due to work commitments overseas he wishes to step down as a SCT Director for the time being. The meeting acknowledged Martin's contributions over the last two years and recommended that he remain involved as a co-opted member.

5. **Snaim sa bhasalt/Crofters' Memorial**
 - A meeting of SCT and ATLAS had taken place on 24.10.18. Those present were Sandy Ogilvie and Angus Murray [from SCT] and Emma Nicolson and Shona Cameron [from ATLAS].
 - Sandy reported that the meeting had been productive.
 - The artist, Henry Castle, is invited to attend SCT's next monthly meeting [27.11.19]. Emma Nicolson had sent an email requesting a SCT financial contribution for Henry's costs of doing so. The board was of the view that the costs of Henry's visit ought to be covered by the existing Crofters' Memorial budget. The meeting took the view that this would be a good use of the budget.

- **Gnìomh/Action** - Angus to inform Atlas of Board's decision to recommend use of existing budget for Henry's visit.

6. Cidhe/Slipway

- Hugh said that Round 2 of the Rural Regeneration Fund Application is to be lodged by 19.11.18.
- The meeting considered the two layout and site plan options presented in recent days by John Porteous, Wallace Stone.
- There was discussion about some of the estimated costs, such as service connections and sewage, and the board thought there was potential for those costs to be reduced and quotes sought.
- The Economic Impact Study Consultant, Steve Westbrook, had indicated that the two costs were harder to justify, without the projected aquaculture investment and contribution to the community, which was a huge positive for the development.
- The SCT board favoured Option Two, principally because the planned breakwater would provide shelter to vessels from the prevailing north-westerly winds.
- SGRIPD is receptive to Lealt quarry being used for rock extraction.
- **Gnìomh/Action** – SCT to go back to John Porteous, to seek a reduction of costs.

7. Taigheadas/Housing

- SCT's solicitor Johnny Bell said one small issue was to be resolved with the Department lawyer over the missives before the Resumption process could be progressed.
- The Resumption application will go to the Scottish Land Court which will take at least two months, and another 10 days afterwards to transfer ownership of the site to SCT. The date for this is expected to be January 2019.
- Hugh is to meet with Ronnie Macrae and Morven Taylor of the [HSCHT] and John Lamont and Ian MacIvor of Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association on 31.10.18 to discuss timetable, funding plan and next steps.
- HIE – Hugh and Donald are working on a Business Plan and Hugh met with HIE's Alastair Nicolson re the business units and the new Health Centre.
- There are currently nine names of people and families requesting houses.
- Regarding nurses' cottage, SCT may apply for a change of use from surgery to house and might sell it with a 'Rural Housing Burden' attached.
- **Gnìomh/Action** - Hugh to draw up the development action points and timetable

8. Druim nan Linntean/Skye Ecomuseum

Interpretation

- Lateral North have engaged Glasgow Sculpture Studio as fabricators.
- It was noted that there were to be two open days to liaise with the community on 31.10.18 and 1.11.18, to offer an opportunity to consult on the designs which are proposed.

- It was noted that SNH has a £5million fund due to open in January 2019.
- A fully costed and detailed plan will be shared with the meeting.

Branding

- The new designs are being well received.

Website

- 42 Studios intend to launch a draft website at Christmas 2019 which SCT's board can view before the formal launch in the New Year when it goes live. There will be a press release at that stage backed up by a programme of events. An impressive selection of photos of the landscape were being gathered. It might be that those from the recent programme, 'An t-Eilean – From Skye with Love' might be aired also.
- Angus has produced a Digital Marketing Plan for the funders.
- Text were to be worked up by 30.11.18.

Ecomuseum/Ceumannan/Paths

- **Flodigarry Path** – This takes in an SSSI and SCT have consent from SNH. The tender was won by the Arran Footpaths and work will commence on Jan 14th.
- **Grealin Path** - There had been seven bids, and the deadline for tenders was 3.11.18.

GISBE/AOCB

There was no AOCB.

Next meeting: 27.11.18