



Minutes of the Pairc Trust Board Meeting held on 13th October 2016

These minutes were approved by the Board on; 10th November 2016

Present: Angus McDowall (AMcD), Ishbel Maclennan (IM), Jim McLaughlin (JMcl), John Murdo Matheson (JMM), Alan Wilson (AW), Ken Kennedy (KK), Tim Hollis (TH) **In Attendance:** Jen Ellis (JE)

Item	
1	Apologies: Steve Mortimore (SM), Sandra Pozorski (SP)
2	Richard Kershaw Mr Kershaw attended the meeting in his capacity as a shooting tenant of the Pairc Estate. He manages the Soval Estate and has the shooting lease for Pairc until 2053. The previous Pairc Estate landlords agreed to the original shooting tenancy and to its extension. rights for Pairc. He had a brief discussion with the Directors about what they are currently doing on the Estate, mainly in terms of 'vermin' control. He stated that he is very supportive of the Trust and the local community and would like to continue working with the Trust in the future.
3	Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by JMM and seconded by AW
4	Matters Arising:
4.1	Staff Handbook: IM has forwarded the Ravenspoint Staff Handbook to JE to use as a template.
4.2	Resource Centre: JE informed the directors that the application for Stage 1 funding from the Scottish Land Fund has been successful. This will allow the Trust to develop a strong business plan and application for Stage 2, which must be submitted by 2 nd Dec 2016.
5	Clay Pigeon Shoot: A letter has been received, which outlines how the previous conditions set by the directors would be met. There was some discussion regarding this, and the directors took a vote and rejected the proposal. JE to draft a letter and circulate it to the directors for approval.
6	Housing JE informed the directors that her visit to Mull and Iona Community Trust and to the Knoydart Foundation had been very useful. Local Energy Scotland have visited the two empty properties in Gravir and will provide recommendations on making them more energy efficient, and cheaper to heat. The results from the Housing Needs Analysis show a lot of local support for affordable housing projects. JE hopes to complete the Housing Needs Report in the next couple of weeks. There is an issue with the purchase of the Care Unit as Hebridean Housing Partnership (HHP) have become aware of the family identified and the property and wish to take over the project. JMM suggested that the Trust should be keeping the community updated on projects such as this. KK to speak to the Chair of HHP about our concerns. JE to upload information about the housing project onto the website and facebook page.
7	Directors' Contact Details All directors agreed they are happy to share their contact details with one another. SP to circulate contact details by email
8	Grazings Clerks SP has contacted the Crofting Commission and they have confirmed that there are no Grazings Clerks or Committees in place for Lemreway, Orinsay or Cromore. KK explained that Kevin Kennedy has been trying to get a Committee in place for Lemreway. JE and KK are meeting with Iain Nicolson on 17 th October and will discuss the Orinsay Committee with him.
9	Newsletter

	<p>There was some debate over the possibility of distributing a newsletter to coincide with the first anniversary of the Trust purchasing the Estate.</p> <p>It was agreed that a two sided piece of A4 paper outlining what has been done to date and the future plans for the Trust should be delivered to all households. It was agreed that directors and staff would hand deliver the newsletters to save on cost. This will also be an opportunity to engage with members of the community.</p> <p>JE/SP to draft a template for the newsletter</p>
10	<p>Road Sign</p> <p>AMcD will speak to John Macleod in Technical Services of the Comhairle to discuss where we can re-position the signs.</p> <p>IM stated that there will potentially be funding available for bilingual signs in the New Year, from the Comhairle. It was agreed to wait until that was confirmed before purchasing a new sign.</p>
11	<p>Ravenspoint</p> <p>It was agreed that TH would stand on the Ravenspoint Board, as a representative of Pairc Trust.</p>
12	<p>Social Event</p> <p>SM had been in touch with SP regarding a Social Event, which would coincide with the first anniversary of the Trust purchasing the Estate and the Ravenspoint celebrations.</p> <p>After some discussion it was agreed that the Trust do not have the budget for a social event, and the directors agreed to wait until the Trust has achieved more on behalf of the community before celebrating. It was agreed that the Trust could have some input to the Ravenspoint celebrations.</p> <p>JE to discuss this with IM.</p>
13	<p>Hall Proposal</p> <p>Shona McDowall contacted JE to ask the board if they are still supportive of the Pairc Hall Committee. The directors agreed that they may not require new office space as part of the hall facility if the Pairc Trust bid to purchase the Resource Centre is successful, but do still support the committee. not require new office space as part of the hall facility, but do still support the committee.</p> <p>JE to email Shona asking the committee to attend a board meeting, once they have agreed how they want to proceed.</p>
14	<p>EE Lease at Gravir</p> <p>There were a couple of slight amendments to the terms and AMcD agreed to read over these changes before a response is sent to Anderson and Macarthur. The other directors agreed to the terms.</p> <p>JE to email Maggie at Anderson Macarthur once AMcD has read over the changes.</p>
15	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>KK would like to see electrical car charging points in the Estate. It was agreed that this be addressed as part of the Tourism Strategy.</p> <p>KK also asked AMcD for clarification on how much detail was required for the financial projections, which are to be included in future meetings. It was agreed that a spreadsheet which shows where the Trust is financially, and where it will be in the next couple of years would be very helpful.</p> <p>AMcD stated that a number of people had asked him recently about defibrillators and why there aren't any in South Lochs. JE stated that she had previously brought this up with the Community Council and the Councillors. IM agreed she would look into it further.</p> <p>AMcD stated that the Renewables Working Group would next meet shortly after 28th October. KK is meeting with JE and Iain Nicolson of the Orinsay Development Association to discuss the Orinsay Walkway on Monday 17th October. AW will inform JE when he and Joe Wilson are free to discuss housing, SP is in the process of arranging a Tourism Strategy meeting.</p> <p>The following items should be standing items on all future agendas: Publicity, Financial Projections and Working Groups.</p>

DONM: Thursday 10th November 2016 at 6.30pm

Jen Ellis 17th October 2016