



Minutes of the Pairc Trust Board Meeting held on 1st December 2016

These minutes were approved by the Board on

Present: Angus McDowall (AMcD), Steve Mortimore (SM), Ken Kennedy (KK), John Murdo Matheson (JMM), Jim McLaughlin (JMcl), Tim Hollis (TH), Alan Wilson (AW), Ishbel Maclennan (IM)

Apologies:

In Attendance: Jen Ellis (JE), Sandra Pozorski (SP)

Item	
2.	Approval of minutes from last meeting Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by JMcl and seconded by JMM
3.	Matters Arising
3.1.	Lis Drew has been appointed the Lemreway Grazing Clerk.
3.2	SM discussed the campsite research and was unsure what further research would be required as he did look into this a couple of years ago. A letter from a member of the community was discussed and this will be discussed further at the Tourism Strategy meeting on 8 th December.
3.3	Defibrillators: IM has come to the conclusion it would be better to arrange a public meeting, to get the community together to gauge the local demand. JE will send IM details of contacts.
4	Working Group Updates
4.1.	Renewables AMcD gave an update on the feasibility study meeting between the Renewables Working Group and Community Energy Scotland (C.E.S). It has been agreed that all future correspondence with Hebridean Sea Salt (H.S.S.) will come from JE. JE will organise a meeting between C.E.S. and H.S.S. to discuss their energy requirements.
4.2	Crofting Group The next meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday 5 th December. Factoring is to go onto the Agenda. JE is to ask other Trusts what arrangement they have in place for Factoring.
4.3	Housing Working Group JE had a meeting with the Housing Working Group on 11 th November. An application to the SLF has been submitted for the Gravir care Unit, a decision is expected around 21 st December.
4.4	Tourism Group A Tourism Strategy Meeting has been organised for Thursday 8 th December at 6pm, and anyone with an interest in tourism is invited. An email invitation has been sent to local Holiday Home Owners and Directors who have an interest in Tourism. TH has been in email contact with people interested in the Gaelic Classes which he is hoping to run in the New Year. Funding for the Gaelic classes needs to be explored. The Pairc Trust came third in the Tesco Bags for life funding. JE is waiting for a meeting with Iain Nicolson to move this project forward. An application to the Scottish Community Land Fill Fund has been submitted for a picnic bench and leaflets. The Cromore walkway is another area that could be improved at a small cost, as it should only need a few more marker posts and information signs. Permission from Cromore Common Grazings would need to be sought. SM offered to take JE and SP around the walkway to get a better idea of the needs.
5	Resource Centre A meeting to discuss the future of the Resource Centre has been organised for 7 th December. The meeting will have an independent Chair from HIE. The current tenants of the Resource Centre, JE,

	AW and KK from the Pairc Trust and a potential new tenant will meet to address any concerns about sharing the building.
6	Newsletter JE is working on a Draft Newsletter and will circulate it for comments. The aim is to keep members of the local community informed of the work the Trust is involved in, what the aims for the future are and it also a way to keep in touch with members of the public who do not have access to the internet. The Directors agreed to hand deliver leaflets in their local area.
7	Financial Statement KK has been working on a financial projection up until December 2017. It was agreed to cut down on the cost of printer toners by looking at compatible or remanufactured toners. SP/JE will also look into the option of a BT Business package once super-fast broadband is available. KK suggested the Trust look into the idea of selling plots of land. This would need to be done in partnership with the relevant Grazings Committee. This will be included on the Crofting Agenda for their next meeting. All Directors are urged to think of ideas that will bringing an income into the Trust.
8	Publicity There will be a press release for the Housing Needs Report, SP will email all relevant press agencies. The Pairc Trust is now Account Managed this has been announced on the website and FB page.
9	AOB SM mentioned the idea of a social event to try and bring the community together, and it was agreed all previous events were well attended and everyone enjoyed them.
9.1	Angus explained there has been an approach from a company that would like to take the seaweed from Torostay. SP has emailed Lindsays to get written confirmation that The Pairc Trust own the foreshore between mean high watermark and the mean low watermark.
10	DONM To be arranged after Christmas.