

SCTEAG Minutes for Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.30 in the SCT Trust offices.

Present Roger, Tim, Peter
Apologies Dorothy, Alan, Catherine

1. Minutes and matters arising from the 15th October 2018 meeting.
These were agreed and can be forwarded to SCT web site.

2. Update with winter/spring programme

Bats to be left until mid-July as there will be young after this time.

Moths were suggested to have a few dates from mid May – mid June and if Phil can give some dates this can then be coordinated with FC at Kinloch

Night walk was considered before the Easter school break around early April – to be firmed up at the next meeting

Beach/shore clean up for shore line in front of the Ardvasar bay especially. Look for a date in March and leave to Catherine to check tides etc. Skip can be situated near her house. Fish farm debris should be photographed as this will get them involved. Erin Winklemann is doing a beach clean up at Point as part of her education and Tim has volunteered to help remove collected rubbish.

SSSi. There has been much activity with the underwater drone being delivered and hopefully a GPS tailored to the drone. All to be commissioned over at Banff shortly. SNH are involved and giving support with the possibility of one day per week development officer time. To promote these developments and get a wider range of people engaged there will be a number of meetings arranged. It was suggested to look at a meeting for Sleat in the last two weeks of February at An Crubh. Roger will follow up as appropriate. The accompanying boat will be on station in Torrinn from April.

3. Tormore updates

Hydro route was walked and Alan and Roger passed their report to SRL to be incorporated into the final plan for installation.

The idea of having community areas for planting and adoption is seen as a welcome way to get wider involvement with Tormore forest. This can be developed in conjunction with the poly tunnel and seedling nursery to ensure appropriate planting of species. Need to be taken forward with SRL and Peter to contact Henrik.

4. Ideas for further development of environment information leaflets for next summer circulation

Roger has spoken to James who is happy to pull together information he has and then send to Dorothy to do a layout on an A4 tri-fold as agreed.

The next leaflet could focus on a geographic nature of land areas in Sleat with particular flora and fauna of interest to visitors. Roger is to think of who might perhaps be available with information similar to James.

5. AOCB - There was a wish that the environmental and sustainable issues related to the redevelopment of the Armadale site were registered now, so that issues of land use and travel like bike racks and wild flower possibilities can be built into the initial design brief.

The peat restoration has gone quiet and an update would be useful together with SNH's role for funding and design features of blocking drains etc. Henrik to be alerted by Peter.

6. **Date of the next meeting** was suggested as **18th March** subject to people being available. Please let me know if this won't suit – Thank you Peter Roberts.