

## CAMUSCROSS & DUISDALE INITIATIVE

Note of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015, at Dualchas, Duisdale Beag, commencing 8:00pm.

| ITEM                                  | NOTES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | ACTION |
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| <b>1 Present:</b>                     | <p>Elaine Smith (ES), Rory Flyn (RF), Mark Wringe (MW), Susan Walker (SW)</p> <p>Apologies: Laura Stephen (LS); Innes Grant (IG),</p> <p>In Attendance: David Collins (DC)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |        |
| <b>2 Minutes and Matters Arising:</b> | <p>The minutes were formally approved.</p> <p>All other matters arising are covered in the agenda.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |        |
| <b>3 Financial:</b>                   | <p>i. Treasurer's report on funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 1st September the amount in the bank was £20,880.</li><li>- Of this total, the unrestricted funds were £2,428</li><li>- The restricted funds were £18,452. The restricted funds relate to the Hub.</li></ul> <p>ii. Annual Accounts – These have been received from the accountants and have to be Board signed and returned by the end of September.</p> <p>iii. Director's Liability Insurance – This due for renewal and totals £165.</p> <p>iv. 50:50 Club – The next draw will be Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8pm in the Am Praban Bar, Eilean Iarmain. More people are encouraged to sign up by contacting Elaine: <a href="mailto:elain smith99@btopenworld.com">elain smith99@btopenworld.com</a> or 01471 833305.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |        |
| <b>4 Hub:</b>                         | <p>i. Tender Returns – Tenders were returned on 14 August. In light of these, a number of cost-saving measures have been suggested by the contractors and the design team. These were discussed at a meeting with the Architects on 3 September. A further discussion around these savings was held and a separate list of queries and priorities will be prepared by the board, for the design team. The board noted the efforts of both the design team and the contractors to bring the contract total in on budget. Ongoing.</p> <p>ii. Site Investigations – Further site investigations were required as part of the tender process. These were required to identify possible fill materials that could be utilised from the site, in order to limit the imported fill required.</p> <p>iii. Resumption – The process that we are currently going through was explained in detail in the recently issued An Lianag newsletter. The Application has been made to the Scottish Land Court for the resumption of the Hub site. The Land Court's due process</p> | Board  |

is now in motion. The board will update the community on the result of this process when more information is available.

- iv. CCF – SW has submitted an application for additional funding to CCF for the pizza oven and additional hours for a Project Development Officer. It should be around a month until we hear their decision on the application.
- v. Project Development Officer – Subject to clarification of the above additional funding, it is intended to appoint the PDO by the end of the year.

## 5 An Lianag

- i. Latest Edition – The new An Lianag has now been issued to all members. The board wished to thank all contributors and distributors for their efforts. For input/articles to future editions contact Susan at [malcolm.skye@phonecoop.coop](mailto:malcolm.skye@phonecoop.coop)

## 6 Events

- i. Boat Day – Unfortunately the boat day on 29 August had to be cancelled yet again. This was due to the forecast of high winds and safety was the prime consideration. The board thanked Innes for his continued efforts to make the event a success. The board also wished to thank all those from both within and without the community who were willing to help out with boats and preparation for the event, especially Pete Fowler, Graeme MacKenzie, Siusaidh NicNeill and Gus MacLean.
- ii. Boat Evening – Due to the continued disappointment over the Boat Day cancellations, it was proposed to organise a boat and sea themed evening at Talla Dhùisdeil. This could include a barbecue, maritime quiz, ceilidh, bar and raffle. We will looking to assemble a team of volunteers to help with this in the near future. It is hoped to hold this event in the autumn. Board
- iii. Project Launch Event – If and when the Hub contract is awarded to a contractor, the board wishes to hold a launch event to introduce the contracting team, the construction programme and the final design layouts. It is also proposed to have a turf-cutting event to mark the start of construction works. More information to follow in due course. Board

## 7 AOCB

- i. Hub Name – A number of names were suggested at a recent information evening and a list has been compiled. We are still hoping to compile a longer list and suggestions from the community are welcomed. Names can be submitted to Chair, Mark Wringe at [mw.smo@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:mw.smo@uhi.ac.uk). We also hope to collect further suggestions at the Project Launch event, as above.
- ii. Macmillan Coffee Morning – Elaine informs us that she and Emma Siedle-Collins will be hosting a Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning on Friday 25 September. Please feel free to pop along to Barabhaig between 10:30 and 12:30 that morning. There will be a tombola, take away boxes for £5, tea and of course cake. If anyone would like to offer a prize for the tombola and/or bake a cake to contribute please get in touch with either Elaine or Emma.

## **8 Date of Next Meeting:**

The date of this meeting was rearranged due to allow the board to evaluate the tender cost-savings exercise that is ongoing.

The date of the next meeting is provisionally 7th October, 8:00p, venue to be confirmed. Any change to this should be confirmed at least a week before this date

Meeting concluded at 10:40pm