

# CAMUSCROSS & DUISDALE INITIATIVE

## HUB COST SAVINGS MEETING

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

ITEM      NOTES      ACTION

### 1 Present:

Elaine Smith (ES), Rory Flynn (RF), Mark Wringe (MW), Susan Walker (SW)

Apologies: Laura Stephen (LS); Innes Grant (IG),

In Attendance: David Collins (DC)

### 2 Purpose of Meeting:

- i. To discuss the target cost savings suggested by the Design Team and Contractor following the tender returns.

A list has been prepared by the Design Team identifying areas of the contract that can be amended and omitted with target cost savings against each item. This was discussed with CDI board members at a meeting on 3 September 2015. The items for amendment/omission were largely agreed, but a number of items required a fuller debate within the CDI board. These items are identified below.

Items for Action:

CDI – Camuscross + Duisdale Initiative

DT – Design Team

### 3 Items That Require Further Advice and Costing from the Design Team:

- i. Heating System:

The specification and design of the woodchip biomass boiler is proving to be a very expensive option, with potentially large savings identified if this were amended to another system. DT

CDI would like clarification from the M+E Engineers as to what would constitute a suitable replacement system for this that would achieve significant savings.

A woodchip boiler was specified to enable the local supply of fuel from the local Sleat Community Trust forest, as supplied to Sabhal Mor Ostaig. If woodchip is not possible/suitable, then any other suitable system would be considered.

CDI would prefer not to use a wood pellet boiler with supplies from outwith the area if woodchip is not possible.

### 4 Items to be Omitted from the Contract, but are Desirable:

(Separate funding to be sought by CDI)

- i. Pizza Oven and Project Development Officer Additional Hours:

An application has been submitted for these items to enhance the produce element of the project. These would allow a Pizza Oven to be installed (providing fresh pizzas) CDI

and breads to be produced in-house) and for the Project Development Officer to develop the local food produce side of the business. These items have not been funded from elsewhere already and are additional.

- ii. Blackout Blinds, Temporary Stage, Stage Lights:  
Separate funding will be identified for these distinct stage/performance-related items. CDI
- iii. Stone Wall (not part of the building):  
CDI to discuss the potential for funding / construction funding from West Highland College / Historic Scotland. CDI
- iv. Dunsdale Access Path and Bridge:  
This is not required for the opening of the building but is highly desirable for connecting the building to the township for pedestrians. CDI  
There are a number of parallel projects/discussions taking place in the community regarding path networks. CDI to investigate this element as a separate project to the main contract.

**5 Items to be Retained within Contract in Priority Order:**  
(Design Team to incorporate – if funding allows)

- i. Fencing:  
The deer fence boundary has to be maintained as part of the resumption process. DT  
This will require deer fencing to the NW and SW boundaries of the site i.e. Those bordering the Common Grazing. CDI to source a local quotation. CDI
- ii. Shop Fit-Out:  
Shelving, counter and fridges etc. must be included in the Contract as the funding has been provided for this as part of the main funding package. DT
- iii. Shop Floor Area:  
The Design Team should seek to keep to the area of the original design as much as possible to maximise potential display area, as identified in Business Plan. DT
- iv. Meeting Room Area:  
As little as possible area should be omitted from the Meeting Room. If this room becomes too small then its use becomes unfeasible. DT
- v. Café Area:  
As little area as possible should be omitted from the Café area, but there is not such a high priority here, as there is the potential to borrow/overlap some space with the Foyer area. DT
- vi. Hall Area:  
Area can be reduced slightly if required. DT
- vii. Store Area:  
Area can be reduced as required. Potential layout for Post Office areas to be investigated further by CDI. DT  
CDI

**6 Additional Funding:**

- i. CDI to investigate any additional funding from CCF / BLF to bridge gap between tenders and budget. CDI