

Directors' Meeting, Monday 4 March 2013 7.00 pm

Present: Iain Muir (IFM), Iain Scott (IS), Ben Walton (BW), Linda Macleod (LM), Ann Macleod (AAB), Julia Campbell (JC, LDO)

1. IFM welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies: Richard Williams (RW), Maureen Fraser (MF), Theresa Ross (TR), Peter Muir (PM, LDO)

2. **Minutes** of 21 January. Proposed IS, Seconded BW

3. **Matters Arising**: DTAS Directors' Training is available for £250 & VAT for which HIE funding may be available. Action JC. Coigach Heritage/Promotional Film: JC and IFM have offered support to Sara Nason.

4. **LDO Report**: Citizens Online Internet Training sessions are underway. Application for funded Third Sector Internship has been successful and SCVO intend conducting interviews here in May. Website has been updated. Other items covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5. **Land Housing**: Housing subgroup met with Mark Foxwell SWT to look at potential house sites. CCDC has been offered a croft (crofter's lawyer is looking into how this can be done).

Smokehouse: confirmation received from SLF of £160K for purchase and p/t project officer for 2 years. HIE can provide HR advice. Funding available for asset development. Action: JC to check if wayleave/drainage issue has been resolved. Notice placed in Ullapool News inviting contributions to community contribution, any excess received will be ring-fenced for Smokehouse project development.

Schoolhouse: HC have offered to transfer for nominal sum. Action: JC to find out more and also resubmit CRtB registration application. CCDC would prefer schoolhouse remained with Highland Council and refurbished.

Tanera: It was agreed at the public meeting held 7th February not to pursue community purchase but to work with current owners to promote sale and identify potential buyers who can best bring community benefit.

SYHA SYHA's lease with SWT comes to an end this year and SWT have approached CCDC to discuss its future.

6. Community Energy: It was suggested that PM provide update to directors on behalf of CWP, and BMH approached for same.

7. Piers and Harbours: Tanera study revealed scope for piers/marine development. Feasibility study ongoing , final LEADER claim due 31 March.

8. Finance – to be moved up agenda in future. Monies in Santander account have been transferred to new Co-op account. Santander account to be retained as it fits with Lottery funding. Accounts to be prepared at end of financial year. Action PM to find out if consolidated accounts for BMH and CWP. N

9. AOCB SWT have intimated that the SYHA lease expires at the end of the summer. Further discussion required on future of the hostel.

10. Correspondence: IFM will draft response to Liz Stewart's email.

11. Staffing: PM has tendered his resignation – board registered thanks for all his hard work and sorry to see him go and it was acknowledged that he worked a great number of hours in excess of his contracted ones and it was greatly appreciated. IFM has contacted HIE. Action: JC to draw up list of jobs and Gantt chart. Action: HIE to be asked for help with recruitment of new p/t LDO.

Date of next meeting: Monday 22nd April. The meeting closed at 10.05pm