

Draft Minutes CCDC Directors' Meeting 13th May 2014

Present: Iain Scott, Ann Macleod, Steve Husband, Iain Muir (Chair), Ben Walton, Phil Shaughnessy.

In Attendance: Julia Campbell, Anne Campbell.

Apologies: Theresa Ross, Linda Macleod.

1. Introduction: the Chair welcomes Richard Williams Manager of the Landscape Partnership (CALL) to give an update on the progress of the paths projects. He has spoken with freelance contractors and established costs. Richard is also working with THC to tie in with Core Paths.

Action: to meet with landowner Mrs Rex to discuss how to take projects forward.

Polbain path was not fully completed and as the feasibility study has already been carried out the project is ready to start (costs would have to be updated). THC has suggested they might be delivery partners.

Drumrunie Junction: there is potential for this development to be included in the partnership. It was suggested that a 'Gateway to Coigach' be established with parking, tourist information etc. There are three landowners and some of the land is disputed.

Coigach Access and Interpretation: establish how interpretation and access fits within the broad outcomes of the partnership. Proposal of walks booklet/app.

Action: articulate the detail of what community wants. Action: JC to liaise with RW

Assynt: footpath work, excavation of Clachtoll Broch.

The Landscape Partnership has already created 2 jobs and has the potential for 3.5 equivalents to be developed. There is a potential to move to Achiltibuie if there is suitable office space available.

Potential to develop: `sustainable deer management with added value deer products; outdoor learning in schools; woodland expansion; small grants scheme – possibilities for developments on crofts or community purchase of equipment. Next CALL/LP meeting July 10th – Achiltibuie.

2. Minutes of Directors' Meeting 3rd March 2014 – approved. Proposed by SH, seconded by IS
3. Matters arising: Theresa Ross is to resign as she feels she is too busy to attend meetings and contribute.
4. Finance: discussion about using accounting software VT (a sage equivalent). Agreed that this was another layer of administration and treasurer happy to continue with current system. : Smokehouse & CCDC funds to be put in appropriate accounts Action JC/BW/PM to confirm that all smokehouse donations have been transferred from CO-OP Fundraising a/c to Santander a/c for Smokehouse.

5. Community Energy: Funding of £80,000 from both SSE & HIE have been awarded (the latter subject to confirmation) for a Renewables Development Officer post for 2.5 years to take both the wind and hydro projects forward. **Action: JC & AAC to prepare advertisement for post**
6. Land & housing:
 - a) SWT – waiting response from Mark Foxwell
 - b) Land donation – progress is ongoing
 - c) Schoolhouse – JC is developing business plan and working with DTAS
 - d) SYHA – report submitted to SWT and it is with their Finance Department
7. Piers & Harbours: AAB updated the meeting with developments being overseen by CCC which include the proposed community acquisition of Badentarbet Pier. Community consultation is required for this to proceed.
8. Smokehouse: PM away.
9. Community Broadband Scotland: Taking advice from Andrew Muir it was decided to write and lobby MSP, BT & HIE to support making Coigach part of the fibre roll-out. **Action: AAC to ask AM to draft letter.**
10. AOCB:
11. LDO monthly report

Date of next meeting 16th June 2014 @ 7.00pm