



MEETING OF THE WESTERN ISLES DEVELOPMENT TRUST (COMPANY NUMBER SC271462)

Meeting of Western Isles Development Trust held at committee Room 4, Council Offices, Sandwick Road, Stornoway; VC to Balivanich Council Offices (Committee Room); and VC to Tarbert Council Offices at 5pm on Thursday 31 October 2019.

PRESENT

Nominated Members

Norman A. MacDonald (Director and Nominated Member) Chair
Carola Bell (Director and Nominated Member) Vice Chair
Donnie Morrison (Elected Director for Lewis and Ordinary Member)
Norman MacDonald (Director and Nominated Member)
John MacKay (Director and Nominated Member)
Iain Archie MacNeil (Director and Nominated Member)
Fiona Stokes (Community Land Scotland Nominated Member)
Sheena Stewart (Director and Nominated Member)
Stuart Wilson (Director and Nominated Member)
Donald Nicholson (Director and Nominated Member)

Elected Members

Andrew Walker (Elected Director for Uist and Ordinary Member)
John Mitchell (Elected Director for Harris and Ordinary Member)

APOLOGIES

Andrew Mackenzie (Elected Director for Lewis and Ordinary Member)
Iain Maciver (Director and Nominated Member)
David Muir (Director and Nominated Member)
Calum MacKay (Elected Director for Harris and Nominated Member)
Allan MacDonald (Chief Executive's Office, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar)

IN ATTENDANCE

Iain MacLean (Chief Executive's Office, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar)

1) WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed the directors to the meeting. The meeting was quorate.

2) MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 26 September 2019

The Minutes of the meeting of 26 September 2019 were approved.

3) MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4) MAIN FUND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

There were no expressions of interest.

5) **MAIN FUND APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

There were no applications for funding.

6) **SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

i. Comunn Eachdraidh Nis (Carola Bell declared an interest and did not take part in discussions or the decision) – **the grant application for £1,900 was successful.**

ii. Western Isles District Scout Council – **the grant application for £2,000 was successful.**

iii. The Pairc Trust (Fiona Stokes declared an interest and did not take part in discussions or the decision) – **the grant application for £2,000 was successful.**

iv. Comunn Eachdraidh Uibhist a Tuath – the board were generally satisfied with the grant application and **granted £1,700 towards the application.** Norman A. MacDonald was to contact Sue Wilson, Project Officer for more information about the project which may lead to a further £300 being awarded as the grant application was for £2,000.

v. Benbecula Community Leisure Area Group – the board were of the opinion that the project was a good idea but needed more information from Izabela Doyle, Chair Person regarding the project and proof of costs before awarding the grant application. Norman A. MacDonald to contact Izabela Doyle.

7) **CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION**

Report was noted.

8) **REQUEST FROM NORTH UIST DEVELOPMENT COMPANY TRADING LIMITED**

The Board is to contact North Uist Development Company Trading Limited to discuss a way forward. A possible solution is for the Board to pay back to North Uist Development Company Trading Limited loan funds that have already been paid to the Western Isles Development Trust, in order to ease cash flow for North Uist Development Company Trading Limited. Matter to be looked into further at next Western Isles Development Trust Board Meeting.

John Mitchell was excused from the meeting at 6.15pm.

9) **REQUEST FROM COLL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

The Board is willing to assist the Coll Community Development Trust regarding the loan write off but need to enter into further discussions with them in the first instance regarding the terms of any potential agreement.

Iain A. MacNeil was excused from the meeting at 6.30pm.

10) **GRANTEE UPDATE**

The Board wished to congratulate and thank the Pairc Trust for the excellent work that they have been doing.

11) **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

28 November 2019 at 5.00pm

12) **AOCB**

There was no AOCB.