

## MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 5.30pm

### 1. Attendance

Present: Murdo Mackay (Chairman), Neil Campbell (Secretary), Diana Calvert, Neil MacDonald, Rhoda MacDonald, Norman Iain MacKay, Finlay MacLennan [arrived 5.44pm], George MacLeod [arrived 5.44pm], Linda Armstrong (Commercial Manager), Carolyn Cluness (Community Engagement Officer) and Deborah Coghill (Administrator)

**Apologies:** Roddy MacDonald (Vice Chairman)

**Welcome:** Grant Fulton Harris Development Officer

### 2. Declaration of Interest: No Declarations of Interest

### 3. Minutes 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Approved

### 4. Action Points

**Dyke Repair** – JMT continue with repair

**Cattle Grid** – Re-apply grip paint

*(George MacLeod & Finlay MacLennan arrived 5.44pm)*

**Snagging** – Heating - Ongoing

**Fire Alarm** – Proceed with DualCom

**Kitchen Hatch** – Too expensive. Waiting for NFU Health & Safety suggestions

**Broadband** – Open Reach surveyed site today 16<sup>th</sup> April. Update at next meeting.

**Camping Pairc Niseaboist** – Tender documents being looked at.

**Safety on TnM Road** – Two more speed bumps have been ordered

**Defibrillator** – Sign at bottom of road. Training on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April

**Building Warrant for Marquee** – Council to inspect then issue a completion certificate

**Mobile Scaffolding Tower** – Purchased.

**Cockle Fishing** – Grant Fulton looking into this and waiting for feedback

**Hydro** – New fencing has started

**Pontoon** – Tarbert Marina now has the pontoon. Anchors are still in place. Grant said he would inform Tarbert Marina that the anchors were available.

### 5. Updates

#### **Financial:**

Cash flow projections were presented. Thanks were expressed to the family of Mrs Margaret Sword for the legacy that has been left to the Trust.

***Commercial Manager's Report (Appendix 1):***

**Generator:** Barnies have confirmed they will come and install the generator on 22 April. They will come back at a later date to switch off the power and cause as little disruption to the site as possible.

**Additional Hook-ups:** Linda is to investigate with SSE about the current capacity and if it will be large enough.

**Exhibitors:** To be made aware that pictures may come down for a wedding. Any extra costs incurred should be passed on to brides.

**HIE:** Underspend on Aspiring Communities Fund. We have been asked if we would submit another proposal. The new proposal is for somebody to put on events and activities at the centre targeting those who are socially isolated and living in poverty. More details have been asked for by HIE for our application.

**Health & Safety:** We have had our two day visit from our Health & Safety consultant to work on our H&S documentation. He has put in place a number of Safe Working Procedures. Linda will go through the relevant ones with the Directors and will go through them with staff as well. In the autumn he hopes to return and Linda has asked him to chair an H&S meeting

**Tenants:** TnM tenants concerned about the number of weddings and the MK closing especially in the winter. After much discussion it was concluded that marketing was the tenants' responsibility

**Sign for Niesaboist Camping:** Approval given. Run by CnES Access Officer

**Camping:** Hot water tank at Seilebost School has burst and needs replacing. We have gone ahead and got the plumber to organise a replacement.

***Community Engagement Officer's Report (Appendix 2):***

**Easter Fun Day:** Enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to volunteers

**Beach Clean:** Niseaboist Beach on Saturday 20 April. Luskentyre one to be done with JMT volunteers.

6. **Harris Forum Report:** After discussion it was concluded that the majority of the Directors are against a Tourism Levy.
7. **Health and Safety:** One accident was recorded as a result of how the chairs had previously been stacked. Training has been given to hopefully avoid this happening again.
8. **AOCB: Broadband** – No update  
**Hydro share offer-working group** – Need to progress this as the private investors would like to sell in the final quarter of this year or first quarter of

next. Grant has been looking into various funding options. No extra funding is available for additional staff to move this forward but support can be given from Community Shares Scotland. Energe4All are interested in helping and more information is going to be sought. Working Group – Murdo MacKay, Neil Campbell, Roddy MacDonald, Morag Munro(?)

**Storage** – There is a big problem with the lack of storage in TnM. The Directors agreed for Linda to look into prices for a storage container or a wooden shed.

9. **Close:** The Meeting finished at 7.11pm

10. **Next Meeting:** 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019

**Proposed dates for 2019**

**18<sup>th</sup> June**

**20<sup>th</sup> August**

**17<sup>th</sup> September**

**29<sup>th</sup> October** (perhaps omit?)

**19<sup>th</sup> November**

**17<sup>th</sup> December**