

# Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh

## CARLOWAY ESTATE TRUST

**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Present:** Jacqueline Ferguson, Neil J. Macarthur, Alex A. MacDonald, Noreen MacDonald, Kenny John MacLennan, Dòmhnall MacIèid, Iain D. MacLeod, Iain N. MacLeod, Eilidh Reid, Sally Reynolds.

**Apologies** – Elizabeth MacBain, Murdo N. MacIver, Karen Maclean, Derek MacLeod

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Donald MacKinnon the new employee of UOC who gave an overview of his position as the CAM Local Development Officer. Donald outlined his duties being split 50/50 between the Carloway School Development Project and other group projects covering the area between Dalmore and Garynahine. The chair emphasised the importance of relaying Donald's position to the groups needing help with their specific projects. (Donald MacKinnon left the meeting).

**Minutes 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019** were approved by Iain D. MacLeod and seconded by Neil J. Macarthur.

### **Matters Arising:**

**Community Conversations** – Sally advised new date Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May in Lochs, Iain D MacLeod will attend to find out what the Comhairle have in mind but will not commit the Trust to anything at present.

**Community Workshop in Breasclete** - title deeds confirm the Comhairle own the property being transferred out of a croft and not common grazings. The chair advised Breasclete Community Association were arranging a meeting of all interested groups, plus Carloway Community Association and the Trust to seek the views of everybody involved.

**Japanese knotweed** – Sally advised North Harris Trust decided not to submit an application. The Gunnera project still going ahead, but no other species involved.

**Carloway Care Unit Consultation** – Sally will submit the Trust response on Friday if no further comments received from the board.

**Correspondence** – Scottish Rural Network news, National Islands Plan consultation at Carloway Community centre, CLS Conference – **it was agreed that Kenny John, Sally and Ben should attend.**

**Finance** – Sally advised accounts up to end of December.

**Development Officer** – report distributed by email and items discussed in more detail during the meeting. On renewables, **it was agreed** to await information from CES before taking any decision.

**Peatland ACTION & Community LED** – monthly reports emailed to the board members, work progressing well.

**Constitution & Communications Sub group** – Dòmhnall advised next meeting would be in two weeks' time to look at a communications strategy plan in which all board members could be involved. With last month's minutes now approved, they can go on line.

**Any other competent business**

**Cost of care** – Due to the legal complexities of this issue, it was decided not to implement any estate policy until we are aware of the outcome of the Comhairle's Housing Committee decision.

**Date of next Meeting to be held in  
Carloway Annexe on 29<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30**

CET Board Meetings 2019		Wednesdays @ 7.30 pm	alternate Breasclete/Carloway	
June 26 <sup>th</sup> (B)	August 28 <sup>th</sup> (C)	September 25 <sup>th</sup> (B)	October 30 <sup>th</sup> (C)	November 27 <sup>th</sup> (B)