

# Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh

## CARLOWAY ESTATE TRUST

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**Present:** Alex A. MacDonald, Noreen MacDonald, Kenny John MacLennan, Derek MacLeod, Dòmhnall MacIèoid, Karen Maclean, Iain D. MacLeod, Sally Reynolds, and Judith Eelie - Community Enterprise

**Apologies** – Jacqueline Ferguson, Neil J. Macarthur, Elizabeth MacBain, Murdo N. MacIver, Eilidh Reid.

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Community Enterprise, and asking her that the sympathy of the board be conveyed following their sad news.

**Declaration of Interest** – Iain D MacLeod and Karen MacLean made a declaration of interest regarding the Doune Broch car park project but were not required to leave the meeting.

**Doune Broch** – Community Enterprise presented the Development Study on Doune Carloway Broch, inviting comments on the contents which were duly noted by Judith during the meeting and also those received prior to the meeting. The chairman emphasised the need for a financial plan and business plan to be incorporated in the study. **It was agreed that comments should be submitted within one week to Sally. It was also agreed** that the Broch sub group – Dòmhnall, Karen, Jacqui, Sally - would meet once the revised report was received

**The Board agreed the car park site plan proposed by the Comhairle for the Broch, on the basis that Doune Common Grazings accepted the proposal.** Regarding Historic Environment Scotland, the chairman wished to minute the help received from Anderson Macarthur with the correspondence exchanged and confirmed the meeting with HES scheduled for 15 August. Following the HES meeting, Sally will email all the relevant people involved in the closure of the Broch. (Community Enterprise left the meeting)

The chairman expressed the board's sympathy to Donald MacKinnon on the passing of his Grandmother, and also to Murdo MacIver whose Mother in Law passed away.

**Minutes 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019** were approved by Dòmhnall MacIèoid and seconded by Iain D MacLeod.

### **Matters Arising:**

**Community Workshop** – at the recent meeting convened by Donald MacKinnon, a decision was taken to propose CET as a suitable community organisation to take over this asset from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar. However, the Chairman stressed

the need for a development plan involving all interested parties, using the services of the CAM LDO, when the Comhairle could then value the building, including remedial works required, prior to any transfer – **the Board agreed to this proposal before making any definite decision.**

**Correspondence** – newsletters from CLS, Scottish Rural & Scottish Water, Community Conversations for Public Transport, HES Invitation to Board Reception– Iain D. MacLeod to attend.

**Finance** – Sally distributed the new bank account summary with quarterly details giving very informative and useful detail, with balances to be provided for monthly meetings.

**Peatland ACTION, Community LED & Local Development Officer** – monthly reports emailed to the board members. The chairman wished to minute the quality of reports coming to the board as very information, easy to read, and show clearly what everyone is doing.

**Development Officer** – report distributed by email and items discussed in more detail during the meeting, including the individual reports.

**Constitution & Communications Sub group** – Dòmhnall confirmed work progressing well with staff involvement and hopefully a draft of the Community Engagement Plan for the trust will be available for the next board meeting.

**Any other competent business**

**Scottish Community Land Week** – plans in place for the “From our Land & Sea” event in Breaschte on 16 August.

**Trust tweed hats** – Karen showed samples of hats which were well received, and she will now look to source UK producers.

**Date of next Meeting to be held in**

**Breaschte on 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30**