

# Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh

## CARLOWAY ESTATE TRUST

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Present:** Jacqueline Ferguson, Neil J. Macarthur, Alex A. MacDonald, Noreen MacDonald, Murdo N. MacIver, Kenny John MacLennan, Derek MacLeod, Dòmhnall MacIèoid, Iain D. MacLeod, Iain N. MacLeod, Sally Reynolds.

**Apologies** – Elizabeth MacBain, Karen Maclean, Eilidh Reid.

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, stating the need to keep to regular monthly meetings as previously scheduled.

**Declaration of Interest** - none

**Minutes 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019** were approved by Iain D MacLeod and seconded by Dòmhnall MacIèoid.

### **Matters Arising:**

**Community Workshop** – A formal expression of interest in purchasing the Breasclete Community Workshop has been lodged with CnES on behalf of UOC. UOC are not obliged to take ownership of the asset but CnES will not be able to sell the Workshop without consulting UOC. Donald MacKinnon is investigating a Stage 1 submission to the Scottish Land Fund for a feasibility study on the workshop.

**From Our Land & Sea** – the chair commented on the huge success of the event which brought a lot of people together and is something we should aim to do on an annual basis. It was an exceptionally good day and the chair wished to thank everyone involved in the event.

**Correspondence** – newsletters from Community Land Scotland, Scottish Rural & Scottish Water, plus HIE Events & Opportunities.

**Finance** – Sally distributed the financial report showing a reasonably healthy balance, and also the draft accounts for the last financial year which showed significant activity. The board were requested to email Sally with any comments by the end of the week. Sally to check with our accountant regarding the reserve policy. The chair commented that the accountants provide a good service and new book-keeper is doing great work with the accounts, taking pressure off Sally.

**Development Officer** – report distributed, and various items highlighted. Sally to email a copy of the Strategic Plan with a request for any comments/suggestions by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October so that an updated version can be prepared for the next board meeting.

**Local Development Officer** – the chair advised Donald is doing an excellent job and the board is extremely fortunate to have him working with the trust.

**Peatland ACTION** – meeting lots of people during recent visit to Uist through networking and raising profile of the project; continuing to identify potential sites for restoration activities in 2020.

**Community LED** – targets will be hit with regard to referrals which shows things are working well. The chair praised the various reports from all members of staff, very encouraging.

**Doune Carloway Broch Development Study** – Sally to arrange a call for herself and Kenny to discuss the report with Community Enterprise, and once happy with the outcome, Sally will send the report to the Urras nan Tursachan Project Manager.

**Constitution & Communications Sub group** – Dòmhnall advised meeting held to discuss the format for the AGM to be held in November. Official papers along with the third newsletter was posted to all members; the six directors to stand down have been notified; Sally to prepare a press release and Dòmhnall will prepare a list detailing current methods of communication with members and the public. Display stands for LED, Peatlands and membership forms, with the film “An-Dràsta” to be shown on completion of business, followed by tea/coffee. Sally confirmed the relevant board minutes will be on the trust website following advice regarding GDPR.

Sally Reynolds left the meeting at this point.

#### **Any other competent business**

**Staff** – Following extensive discussion on the way forward, **it was agreed** for the chair to arrange a meeting with HIE.

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

**Breascleite on 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30**