

Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh

CARLOWAY ESTATE TRUST

Zoom Meeting at 7.30pm

Date: 26th August 2020

Present: Jacqueline Ferguson, Neil J. Macarthur, Alex A. MacDonald, Murdo N Maciver Kenny John MacLennan, Dòmhnall MacIèoid, with Sally Reynolds.

1. Apologies: Derek Macleod, Iain D. MacLeod.

The chair thanked everyone for attending via Zoom once again.

2. Declaration of Interest – none

3. Minutes 29th July 2020 were approved by Dòmhnall MacIèoid, seconded by Neil J. Macarthur

4. Matters Arising:

4.1 EE Mast – Sally Reynolds advised that a socially-distanced pre-construction meeting had been arranged with contractors, grazings committee, and UOC representatives.

4.2 Goose Scheme – No further information.

4.3 Gunnera – Spraying programme was now underway.

5. Correspondence – newsletters and Covid-19 press releases had been emailed.

6. Covid-19 – following Scottish Government guidelines, Sally confirmed the estate office would remain with the current set up of staff working from home until a further review. No date set for non-essential office opening but working towards a possible reopening 2 days a week when regulations allow.

7. Finance – Detailed finance plan was discussed at last meeting. Current balance given.

8. Strategic Plan – the following items were highlighted:

8.1 Bonnet Laird Walk – Signs have arrived and to be erected along with two extra way markers.

8.2 Angling – An update had been received from the consultant. Still waiting on input from the Angling expert but hoped that the report would be available by next meeting.

Tickets were selling locally and in Go-Fish, and trout catches had been recorded.

Go-Fish were planning on developing an App for next season and UOC fisheries would be included

8.3 Broch – Update from Historic and Environment Scotland regarding the ongoing repairs to the Broch, stating it was not currently a priority, due to Covid-19.

8.4 Marine Estate – application for Crown Estate funding was unsuccessful

9. Monthly Reports distributed

9.1 Development Manager – Sally presented paper on development targets and HIE outcomes. After discussion it was felt that a single agenda item meeting should be held to focus on specific income generating items and possibility of buying in some services to support core business. Sally to arrange meeting as soon as Angling report is available. Board members asked to consider ideas before the meeting.

9.2 Local Development Officer – Continuing to work on Community plan and with Carloway School redevelopment.

9.3 Peatland ACTION Project Officer – Ben has undertaken fieldwork in line with guidelines and provided full details of ongoing projects in his report.

10. Community Workshop – Work continuing on Community Workshop project. Survey was now live with a good and positive response received. Donald currently working on costings and an offer had been submitted to CnES, subject to funding being received.

11. Broch Visitor Centre – Sally submitted the proposal for the SLF Stage 1 funding application. UnT supportive of surveys, and it was noted that an asbestos survey was also required. Unanimous decision by Board to progress this application to Stage 1.

12 AOB

12.1 Croft Rents – rent notices would be going out as soon as Anderson Macarthur offices re-opened.

Date of next Zoom Meeting

September 30th at 7.30p.m.

October 28 (C)

November 25 (B) AGM