

# RAASAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of a meeting of the committee of Raasay Community Association held on Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup> 2005 in Mrs. Wood's room, Raasay House

### Present

Roland Stiven (in the Chair)  
Caroline MacKechnie  
Davie Carslaw  
Jill Westgarth  
Apologies received from Sadie McLeod and Geoff Langford

### 1. Welcome

Roland welcomed Davie to his first meeting since his appointment at the Annual General Meeting and confirmed that he had sent off Davie's appointment form to Companies House.

### 2. Minutes

Jill distributed copies of the minutes of the previous meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>, the draft of which had been circulated to all via email, and also of the draft AGM minutes. The minutes of the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were signed as a correct record.

### 3. Matters arising from the minutes and updates

#### (a) Gravel pit and playing field

Jill reported receipt of a letter from Anne Speak, Secretary of Raasay Community Council concerning the gravel pit and playing field and asking if RCA would be willing for a joint meeting to discuss the possibility of RCA acting as a holding body to hold the land on behalf of the community. She had attended a meeting with officers of Highland Council and Raasay Community Council concerning the maintenance and possible improvement of the playing field. Davie expressed some concern that real improvement was needed to the quality of the playing pitch, and Caroline asked that Roger be involved in any meeting. It was **agreed** to write back to the Community Council expressing willingness to attend such a meeting, but not until early September after completing the various grant applications.

**Jill**

#### (b) Memorandum and Articles

In Sadie's absence there was nothing to report on this.

#### (c) Agreement over land boundaries

Roland reported that, at last week's meeting with SALE and Highland Council, Andrew Prendergast of SALE had indicated that this matter was nearing completion. It would be necessary for us to pay HIE's costs but this could be recouped when applying for the grant from the Land Fund.

#### (d) Funding

Jill and Roland reported that, at last week's meeting, Highland Council had confirmed their funding of £50,000, plus £30,000 from the Discretionary Fund. A further £20,000

had been applied for from the Challenge Fund, the outcome of which would be known by the end of this month. SALE had agreed to grant £50,000, with the possibility of a larger amount if we had a funding gap.

Jill had submitted an application to Futurebuilders (Communities Scotland) for £50,000, the outcome to be known in early October. The result of Roland's bid to Children in Need may be known by the end of July. He had responded to Scottish Arts Council who had raised a number of queries over that bid.

It was agreed to contact John Farquhar Munro and Hamish Fraser to see whether anything had been achieved over the Scottish Executive (Rural Partnership Fund) money, the timetable for which did not match with the forthcoming ERDF application.

#### **4. Equal Opportunities Policy**

Roland presented a draft Equal Opportunities Policy which Sadie had adapted from a SCVO model. It was **agreed** to approve this policy, to keep it under review and to amend it in the future if necessary.

#### **5. Funding updates for the community**

Jill distributed two draft updates, previously emailed to all committee members, one for all permanent residents of the island and one for those with holiday homes here. Various amendments were suggested. Jill agreed to finalize these and email to Roland, Davie and Caroline who would help with the printing.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.