

# **RAASAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes of a meeting of the committee of Raasay Community Association held on Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2006 at 4 Inverarish Terrace**

### **Present**

Roland Stiven (in the chair) (RS)  
Sadie McLeod (SM)  
Caroline McKechnie (CM)  
Jill Westgarth (JW)

Apologies were received from Davie Carslaw and Geoff Langford

### **1. ERDF Funding**

The meeting recorded with great pleasure the award of £180,000 ERDF funding. This completes the funding package for the hall and enables a firm commitment to be made to go ahead. The decision had been notified to us on December 7<sup>th</sup> but had to remain confidential until Ministers of the Scottish Executive had ratified it. It became public on December 28<sup>th</sup> when we had told the Raasay Community via notices and a hand-out in the shop; we had also issued a Press Release, which had resulted in publicity in the Free Press and the Oban Times.

### **2. Minutes of the previous meetings**

The minutes of the previous meetings held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup> 2005 were signed as a correct record.

Action points from the November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting had been dealt with on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **3. Matters arising from the previous meetings**

JW reported that the Annual Report and accounts for June 12<sup>th</sup> 2004 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2005 had been sent to Companies House. Initially these had been returned since the Gaelic translation of the company name had not been included. This underlined the importance of always including the full name (i.e. including the Gaelic) for all official documents including letters, invoices, receipts, cheques etc.

RS reported that there was a temporary problem with the web-site; he hoped that it would soon be possible for the Broadford contact to do some updating and maintenance on it.

### **4. Recent meetings**

- Meetings had been held with Dualchas on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup> to finalize the plans.
- A meeting had been held in the morning of January 17<sup>th</sup> 2006 with Jennifer Robertson of SALE. Roland, Davie and Jill had attended. It had been a very positive and helpful meeting and had mainly been concerned with the paperwork requirements of SALE and the completion of a formal application for the grant of £100,000. JW would append a copy of the notes of that meeting to these minutes.

**Jill**

- A meeting had been arranged with John MacDonald and Jeannie Graham of Highland Council next Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11.30 in Portree.

## **5. Legal matters**

### (a) Memorandum and Articles

RS had had an exchange of emails with Douglas Graham in which RS had said that we thought we could work temporarily with the final draft version held by Companies House. Douglas Graham had not yet responded to this. RS suggested that a possible way forward may be to amend the M & A at the next Annual General Meeting, when it may also be possible, as a result of the emerging new legislation on Scottish charity law, to add new charitable objects. If the latter is the case, then a completely fresh set of M & A (including the Gaelic version) may be appropriate. JW expressed concern over the work and paper requirements that this would entail though CM offered some admin support. RS would chase up DG for a response.

**Roland**

### (b) Site Boundaries

This was believed to be nearing completion.

Lara (Dualchas) had been provided with details of wayleaves for electricity, drains etc supplied by Hugh Mackay.

SM advised that applications had been made for contributions to costs from the Scottish Land Unit (25%) and the Community Land Fund (75%), the outcomes to be advised shortly.

## **6. Funders**

Most of the funders had now been advised of the outcome of the ERDF application and the proposed next steps. Jill had written to the Robertson Trust. Roland still needed to write to Children in Need.

Roland had got the terms and conditions from Communities Scotland (Futurebuilders) and we can ask for the money when the Building Warrant has been obtained.

In connection with the energy saving additions, RS had emailed Rab Lees today saying that we wanted to include these and making a formal request for a grant.

## **7. Building progress report**

Following the cancellation of the Open Day the previous weekend, due to bad weather, SM would try and re-arrange this for Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>, even though there were other events that weekend. JW would provide a copy of the Members' Register so that we could try and sign up some more members.

## **8. Meeting re West Wing use**

SM and others referred to the need for a meeting. SM also raised the subject of a faulty heater in the Main Hall. It was agreed to get Geoff Langford to look at the heater as a matter of urgency, and to read the meter at the same time. (A warning notice had been put over the heater switches). Prior to arranging the meeting, we need to collate information on the amount of use that Raasay Outdoor Centre had made of the West Wing so that costs could be calculated. We should use the meeting to determine costs for 2005 as well as anticipated costs for 2006.

## **9. Any other business**

SM expressed concern over the lengthy timescale now planned by Dualchas prior to the contract being let and expressed the view that we should do all we can to speed this up. Everyone agreed with this, and RS said that Ronnie MacPherson (Big Lottery) had offered to write to Dualchas. It was agreed that this might be helpful. JW suggested we should also involve Hamish Fraser in seeking to reduce the time on getting consents from the Roads department over the access, par-park etc.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00 pm.