

RAASAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting of the committee of Raasay Community Association held on Wednesday November 22nd 2005 at 4 Inverarish Terrace

Present

Roland Stiven (RS) (in the Chair)
Sadie McLeod (SM)
Davie Carslaw (DC)
Jill Westgarth (JW)
Caroline McKechnie (CM)

Apologies were received from Geoff Langford

1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meetings held on October 6th and October 25th were signed by Roland as a correct record.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

- (a) **Mineral rights.**(October 6th) No further action required on this as the Community Council was exploring other ways of dealing with this.
- (b) **Rate Relief** (October 6th) JW reported that she had completed the form for Highland Council who had written to confirm that the Association was still entitled to Rate Relief.
- (c) **Fireworks.** (October 6th) JW and DC commented that the fireworks and bonfire had passed off smoothly. Due to bad weather, it had had to be re-arranged more than once, and took place on Saturday November 19th. Members of the Community Council and of the public had helped with moving wood and building the bonfire. JW had written to Andrew and Anne Gillies in mid-October to advise them of the provisional arrangements; DC had spoken to Anne on the day, to tell them the event was going ahead.
- (d) **Goalposts** (October 25th) DC and SM were still investigating goalposts.
- (e) There was to be a meeting with Dualchas tomorrow.
- (f) **Access Panel** (October 25th) SM had contacted the local Access Panel who had advised informally that they thought no further meeting with them was needed, however, they would confirm this with us formally.
- (g) **Fire Officer** (October 25th) Had still to be contacted, but it was felt that this aspect would be covered by the Building Warrant. DC would talk informally with the Fire Officer who was due to visit shortly, in order to make sure he was aware of the plans.

3. Memorandum and Articles

RS reported that he had made contact with Companies House who had advised that we would probably need to hold yet another EGM in order to rectify the situation caused by the incorrect version of the Memorandum and Articles being deposited with them. However, since the only incorrect item was the clause relating to Associate Members, which was outside the main provisions of the Companies Act., he felt we should defer this matter until after the funding package had been completed and, in the meantime, operate with our own version, namely the version lodged upon incorporation plus the amendment from the EGM.

4. Site boundaries

This appeared to be progressing slowly. It was expected that, at the Dualchas meeting tomorrow, Mary would give us a plan to be passed on to SALE. Sadie would take copies before passing the plan over. The Big Lottery Fund had been kept in the picture and had said that the project would be unlikely to be held up over the standard security if this was delayed.

Sadie

5. Website

Roland had met with Donna over updating. Donna had a contact in Broadford who could do this for us – it was not expected that this would take a large amount of time. In the meantime, Roland would draft an invoice for Donna so that the final amount could be paid.

Roland

6. West Wing

Sadie had not yet been able to arrange a meeting, but this would be done shortly. She and Caroline will read the electricity meter later this week, and it was agreed that we would try and establish the difference in costs over 2004, so that it would be reasonably quick to arrive at additional costs for the past year.

The Halloween Party arranged by the Swimming Club and other groups had gone ahead but the Committee was concerned to learn that the hall had not been properly swept so that when the school arrived for PE, there were still drawing pins on the floor.

7. Funding

Roland reported on the revised costing received from the Quantity Surveyors, which had increased the project cost from £616,500 to £675,000, or £705,000 if the ground source heat pump and underfloor heating were built back into the scheme. It was agreed that we would wish to incorporate this if funding allowed. The funding package to date was made up from:

Futurebuilders	£ 30,000 (an increase of £5,000 had recently been awarded)
Highland Council	£100,000
SALE	£100,000
Big Lottery	£201,000
Europe	£180,000 (still to be determined, decision due after Dec.

8th)

Children in Need	£ 35,000
Robertson Trust	£ 15,000
RCA	£ 15,000

This covered the basic project costs of £675,000. However, Roland had spoken with Rab Lees of the Energy Trust concerning the renewables elements. The additional costs were £30,000 but the total actual costs would be £46,000, of which £23,000 may be grant-aided. The Energy Trust would not be able to approve a grant until 3 quotes had been obtained but they may be able to provide us with a letter of intent, to enable the extra £30,000 to be added in.

There would thus be a need to apply to one further Trust for the remainder of the renewables, and any essential upgrade in equipment.

In relation to the announcement of the decision over the European funding, it was agreed after discussion that, if the news was good, we would aim to hold a short public event in the West Wing to share the news with the community. Until then, we would keep the news under wraps. If bad, we would advise the community via newsletter but would need to consider the way forward. We would need to decide this at the next meeting.

8. Any other business

- (a) JW reminded the meeting that we must submit an Annual Report to Companies Act requirements by the end of January, along with a set of accounts for RCA (not RVHA) – these would only need to be nil accounts as RCA had not commenced trading until April 1st 2005. She submitted a draft report she had prepared but wanted to check a couple of points with Companies House. She asked the meeting to authorize her to complete the report and accounts after consultation with Roland and Caroline. The meeting approved the draft report and accounts and agreed the methodology suggested.

Jill

- (b) SM informed the meeting of various matters:

- A Lotteries Licence needed to be applied for by January 1st, however, as this was intended to allow us to issue Football cards, there may not be any point at present due to competing demands on our time.
- SLCVO had asked whether we would agree to pay future subscriptions by Standing Order. Caroline would check the situation with regard to the Alliance and Leicester account.

Caroline

- Margot Steel of Osaig had kindly donated a number of trays, pinboards, etc., to be sold on behalf of RCA. Sadie would write and thank her.

Sadie

- She had received an invoice from BLAS.
 - She was to attend an event in Portree to meet with the Highland Council Convenor and Chief Executive.

9. Date of next meeting

A date was provisionally fixed for Tuesday December 13th at Sadie's house.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.20 pm.