

RAASAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting of the committee of Raasay Community Association held on Tuesday October 25th 2005 at 3, The Cottages, Inverarish

Present

Roland Stiven (RS) (in the Chair)
Sadie McLeod (SM)
Davie Carslaw (DC)

Apologies received from Caroline MacKechnie, Jill Westgarth and Geoff Langford

1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on October 6th were unable to be signed due to Jill's absence.

2. Matters arising from the draft minutes

(a) Football goalposts. Davie continuing to look for goalposts. If sourced formally through Highland Council we would require a maintenance contract for them, which would be disproportionately large compared with their value (c£100). Sadie agreed to follow up other funding arrangements which may be appropriate.

(b) Memorandum and Articles (ongoing)

(c) Site plan. A copy of the site plan has been sent to Dualchas for them to add the building position within a 1490m2 boundary - before returning to SALE/HIE. This should be a final stage in completing the exercise.

3. Funding update and new village hall

- (a)** RS reported that the hall had been awarded £25k from Futurebuilders (half that applied for). Roland had responded to the Communities Scotland letter suggesting we would use the funds in 2006/7 but would confirm a precise schedule once package complete.
- (b)** RS reported that after receiving quotes for updating the elemental costing from the QS and from Jim Coomber, amounting to £585, he had instructed them to go ahead. Revised costings are considered vital as costs will have risen and we will need to justify keeping any excess funding received above the existing budget.
- (c)** RS reported that Jeannie Graham had said that the RCA's bid for ERDF funding had passed the first stage in the process and that we would have a definite response in December. Jeannie had suggested that we progress the project as far as we could in the meantime.
- (d)** RS reported that he had discussed the opportunities for moving the hall project towards Building Warrant stage with Mary at Dualchas and with a structural engineer Dualchas would expect to use. It is expected that it will be possible to commence building warrant work without committing the RCA to a full contract with all professional services for the building warrant stage. This would allow Dualchas to 'get

the ball rolling' before funding is confirmed in December at minimal contractual risk to RCA. She will report back on what is possible.

4. Next steps

Sadie will arrange meetings with:

- (a) Dualchas to finalise hall plans
- (b) The Access panel to get their input to the next stage
- (c) The Fire officer (Ross Noteman?) to discuss their input.

5. Any other business

(a) Sadie will progress the idea of holding a Child Protection workshop on Raasay. This is something we told Children in Need we would progress.

(b) Sadie is attending a seminar of Planning for Communities at the Scottish parliament on behalf of the RCA at the end of the month.