St Kilda Development Group
Buidheann Leasachaidh Ionad Hiort

Inaugural Meeting
2 February 2010, 8pm
Uig Community Centre, Uig

MINUTE

Present: Cllr NA Macdonald, Iain Buchanan, Janet Macleod, Murray Macleod, Donald Macaulay, Sarah Egan, Julia Shaw, Albert Shaw, Jill Smith, Anna Mackinnon, Diana Briscoe, Jutta Grix-Feldt, CA Murray, Joni Buchanan, Meg Buchanan, Richard Leparoux, Catriona Maclean, Alison Maxwell, Sandy Maxwell, Iain M Macdonald, Murdanie Macdonald, Steve Mason, Anthony Loughrey, Sarah Taylor-Gerwin, Naomi Buchanan, Jim Mattison, Elsie Mitchell, Derek Scanlan, Norrie Mackay, Shona Mackenzie.

Cllr NA welcomed the assembly and gave a brief account of the process by which the Geodha Sgoilte in Uig was shortlisted and then selected as the preferred option for a new St Kilda visitor centre. The promotional video of Uig by Ged Yeates was shown and Sarah Egan presented the case for Uig, as made to the consultants and St Kilda Centre Working Group, that had secured the recommendation.

A wide-ranging discussion was held, looking at the benefits such a centre would bring to Uig, the potential ownership and management of the centre, facilities that may be included, and aspects of the development about which Uig should be cautious. A large majority agreed that it would be in Uig's interest actively to pursue the establishment of a St Kilda visitors centre in partnership with local, national and international agencies.

The attendees agreed to form the St Kilda Centre Development Group (Buidheann Leasachaid Ionad Hiort) with the sole aim of “establishing a world-class, purpose-built St Kilda visitors centre in Uig.” Full membership will be open to all residents of Uig over the age of 16 who support this aim, and associate membership to all resident elsewhere, over 16 and supporting the aim.

Those present adopted the proposed Constitution and joined the group

The following were nominated and appointed to the management committee.

Iain Buchanan, Mangersta (Anna Mackinnon, Donald Macaulay)
Sarah Egan, Ardroil (Elsie Mitchell, Murray Macleod)
Elsie Mitchell, Mangersta (Anna Mackinnon, Joni Buchanan)
Donald Macaulay, Carishader (Iain Buchanan, NA Macdonald)
Anna Mackinnon. Ardroil (Joni Buchanan, Sarah Egan)
Brian Wilson, Mangersta (Joni Buchanan, NA Macdonald)
NA Macdonald, Ardroil (Iain M Macdonald, Catriona Maclean)
Janet Macleod, Uigen (Iain Buchanan, Jutta Grix-Feldt)
Jim Mattison, Islivig (Catriona Maclean, Norrie Mackay)
Murdanie Macdonald, Erista (Norrie Mackay, Joni Buchanan)
Catriona Maclean, Mangersta (Jim Mattison, Iain Buchanan)
Naomi Buchanan, Mangersta (Elsie Mitchell, Norris Mackay)

It was agree to consider introducing a facility for co-option of new members to the management committee at the next General Meeting.

Cllr Macdonald thanked the members and closed the meeting.