

St Kilda Development Group

Buidheann Leasachaidh Ionad Hiort

Committee Meeting
12 February 2010, 8pm
Uig Community Centre, Uig

MINUTE

Present: Iain Buchanan (chair), Cllr NA Macdonald, Janet Macleod (part), Sarah Egan, Anna Mackinnon, Catriona Maclean, Murdanie Macdonald, Naomi Buchanan, Jim Mattison, Elsie Mitchell; Brian Wilson (part).

In attendance: Malcolm Maclean, PNE (part)

Apologies: Donald Macaulay, Gillian Davies

1. The minutes of the meeting of 2 February 2010 were amended to show that JMcl was not present, and approved (EM, MMcD)
2. Correspondence. SE had made contact with Douglas Pritchard at the Glasgow School of Art, expressing our interest in the digital mapping project being carried out on St Kilda in co-operation with Historic Scotland.
3. Constitution. It was agreed that the issue of co-option to the committee would be addressed at the next general meeting of the membership.
4. Malcolm Maclean, of Proiseact nan Ealan and the UNESCO Scotland committee, addressed the meeting to provide background to the process by which the idea of Ionad Hiort was conceived. Jura Consultants' final report would provide recommendations regarding the structure of the partnerships required to take the project forward. Malcolm also outlined the likely areas of interest and support from UNESCO and other partners who had been involved to date, and making early contact to establish good links and clear lines of communication. Proiseact nan Ealan will provide contact details and is keen to support the project. The Chair thanked Malcolm for his advice.
5. Banking. The Treasurer will establish an account at the Co-operative Bank.
6. It was agreed to establish the following sub-committees:

Fundraising

Catriona Maclean, Janet Macleod, Gillian Davies

The initial objective is to secure immediate funding to cover operating costs. NAMcD advised that early discussions with the Comhairle regarding European funding may be useful.

- Fundraising Subcommittee to explore short-term options
- IB and others to seek a meeting at CNES

Prospectus

Sarah Egan, Anna Mackinnon, Naomi Buchanan

A short but well-produced prospectus will be needed to present our vision to existing and potential partners.

- Subcommittee to begin the process
- Fundraising Subcommittee to include production costs in their funding proposals.

Architecture

Elsie Mitchell, others tbc

The study undertaken by Jura Consultants identified that assistance is available (at a cost) from RIAS (Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland) and the Lighthouse (Glasgow) in running an architectural competition.

- The Subcommittee to be developed and these processes explored.

Networking and Content subcommittees will be established shortly.

7. Press. It was agreed that BW and IB would lead on press relations. SE will continue to develop the web presence with input from other members.

8. Latha Hiort. It was noted that 29 August 2010, Latha Hiort, will the 80th anniversary of the evacuation of St Kilda. The committee will consider appropriate ways of marking the day.

9. The next meeting was scheduled for Friday 26 February at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed.