

St Kilda Development Group
Buidheann Leasachaidh Ionad Hiort

Committee Meeting
26 February 2010, 7.30pm
Uig Community Centre, Uig

MINUTE

Present: Iain Buchanan (chair), NA Macdonald, Sarah Egan, Anna Mackinnon, Catriona Maclean, Murdanie Macdonald, Naomi Buchanan, Jim Mattison, Brian Wilson.

In attendance: John Maciver

Apologies: Donald Macaulay, Elsie Mitchell, Janet Macleod, Gillian Davies

1. The minutes of the meeting of 12 February 2010 were approved (AMcK, MMcD)
2. Correspondence and News. Will Self is planning a trip to St Kilda, possibly with DS Murray as guide; the group is not in a position to offer financial support but has referred the matter to CNES.
3. Finance. The Treasurer is in the process of establishing an account with the Co-operative Bank.

The Uig Community Council has offered a donation of £200 and a loan of £300 to the project. The Uig Community Centre Association has offered a loan. Comann Eachdraidh Uig has paid for the establishment and hosting of the website (£104).

No progress has been made on the initial funding applications. The Finance Committee will pursue this before the next general committee meeting.

4. CNES. IB, SE and BW met with Joe Macphee at CNES. Some possible sources of development and capital funding have been identified, with a view to submitting the principal applications in 2011. On the publication of the final report from Jura Consultants, the group should contact key individuals at CNES, HIE and PnE to request an initial meeting of key agencies, as the first step in forming the partnership that will deliver the project. BW will contact HIPP to explore timescales and eligibility.

5. UNESCO. Recent advice from UNESCO Paris has indicated that a tourism focus in the development of a WHS facility is still uncommon and would be looked on favourably by UNESCO. UNESCO personnel have expressed an interest in visiting St Kilda and in innovative approaches to its interpretation, particularly via remote access.

6. Prospectus. The Prospectus subcommittee proposed an outline for the document, concise and well illustrated, with an accompanying DVD. The subcommittee will continue to develop content, and the Finance subcommittee will include costs in the initial funding bids.

7. Skills Audit. To ensure all committee members' and volunteers' talents are used to best advantage, a skills audit form will be circulated. SE to develop.

8. Next meeting. Wednesday 10 March at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed.