

CAMUSCROSS & DUISDALE INITIATIVE

Note of meeting held on 6th January 2016 at 1 Duisdale Beag commencing 8:00pm

ITEM NOTES ACTION

1 Present:

Mark Wringe (MW) (chair); Laura Stephen (LS); Innes Grant (IG); Rory Flyn (RF); Elaine Smith (ES)

Apologies: Susan Walker (SW);

In Attendance: David Collins (DC)

2 Minutes and Matters Arising:

The minutes were formally approved.

Following the issue of the draft minutes, board members should make comments to the secretary within 5 days.

All other matters arising are covered in the agenda.

3 Financial:

i. Treasurer's report on funds:

The amount in the bank is £33,425.

Of this total, the unrestricted funds were £686.

The restricted funds were £32,739. The restricted funds relate to the Hub.

ii. Resumption Compensation:

This has now been forwarded to the treasurer of the Camuscross Township Committee.

iii. Accounting System:

The Xero online accounting system has been investigated and will cost approx.£20 a Board month. It has been recommended by a local accountant who is also prepared to help with setting it up for CDI and answering questions initially.

iv. Digital Payments:

IG provided forms for DC and RF to have access to online banking account in his DC+RF absence.

4 AGM

i. This has been arranged for 27 January at Talla Dearg.

The room has been booked and members have been informed. A reminder will be sent out in the week before the AGM with an agenda.

Refreshments will be provided.

5 Hub:

i. Fence:

Fencing has now been completed and the invoice has been received. IG to arrange IG payment.

ii. Site Start:

Compass will be locating their cabins on site on Monday and have discussed this with FEI and HC. CDI have written to the Grazings Committee to inform them of the site start and cabin location.

iii. Meeting With Grazing Committee + Contractor:

CDI are currently looking to facilitate a meeting between CDI, the Main Contractor and Board the Grazings Committee. This will allow all access arrangements to be agreed for the adjacent common grazings etc.

CDI will also approach the Grazings Committee to see if a member could also become a director of CDI, which may help with further communications.

iv. Resumption:

Legal requirements for the land ownership and use have now been concluded.

v. Final Lottery Administration:

Final funding conditions were concluded with CCF and BLF.

The directors noted their gratitude to both the Main Contractors and Design Team professionals in all their work to achieve the necessary cost savings. This required a lot of thorough, additional work within a short space of time. This work was carried out at no additional cost to CDI and for the good of the project.

The Directors also noted their gratitude to the two principal funders CCF and BLF for the additional £200,000 of funding that was awarded to enable the project to proceed without any significant facilities being lost from the Hub project.

vi. Project Development Officer:

The post for PDO will be advertised in the WHFP this week, on our Facebook page and RF+MW in the new An Lianag.

Interviews will be held on evening of 5 February.

In the meantime, issues are being dealt with by ES and DC until the PDO is appointed.

vii. Summary of Revisions Request:

This has now been provided.

viii. Final Contract Details:

We are awaiting the final contract details from the Design Team. Directors to follow up. Board

ix. Post Office Update:

ES to meet case officer on 21 January and will update members at the AGM. ES

x. Register Change of Common Grazings:

Having achieved the resumption on the common grazing land, it is now CDI's RF responsibility to register this change with Registers of Scotland. This process is to be investigated.

6 50:50 Club:

- i. The latest draw has made one more winner in the CDI lottery, winning £30. The next draw will be the first weekend in February.

The lottery is growing steadily with one more person signing up each month; next month's prize is at least £30, but could be more if we get more sign ups.

If you are able to "donate", in the form of buying monthly lottery tickets, you not only help to fund our community activities, you could also be in with a chance of winning the monthly prize. If you can, please set up a Standing Order with your bank into our Lottery account 00298597, sort code 83-26-19, every £1 gets you a ticket in the draw and half our takings is prize money. It is important to put your name as the reference number when setting up the standing order and contact Elaine (833305 or elainemith99@btopenworld.com) so she knows who has bought tickets.

7 Events:

- i. Turf-Cutting Event:
This was a well attended event and a happy occasion marking the start of the Hub project on site. Photos and an article are in the new An Lianag. It has also been covered in the West Highland Free Press, by BBC Radio nan Gaidheal and BBC on-line news in Gaelic.
- ii. Events Group:
A meeting was convened on 6th January by Siùsaidh NicNeill to discuss possible fund-raising events. A number of very good suggestions have been made with further information to come in the following weeks.

The Directors noted their gratitude to those involved and that it is hoped that there will be some well supported events to come over the next year.

8 An Lianag:

- i. New Issue:
Subject to minor amendments, the new issue is ready to be issued by weekend of 9/10 January. An insert is to be provided on the items discussed by the Events Group.

9 AOCB:

None

10 Date of Next Meetings:

AGM: Wednesday 27th January. 8pm. Venue: Talla Dearg

Board Meeting: Wednesday 3rd February. 8pm. Venue: Dualchas

Time Meeting Concluded:

9:45pm