

Minutes Development Coll 21st October 2015

Present Lavinia, Nic, Juliette (later), George, Arlene, Margaret, Dave
Apologies Carol
Nic declared a potential interest under the Housing item

Matters arising from the minutes

- Dave will take the next meter reading for the mast **AP Dave**
- The @devcoll email is working, but the enquiry form is not. Ross is aware of this **AP George**
- Payment from Scottish Water for the mast electric is imminent

Mobile

- We have paid the electric bill to the start of September
- We have paid the final £15,000 + VAT to Mono
- Derek believes EE (airwaves service only) will sign up on our mast by mid-November. He is also urging us to claim the VAT back from the construction, he says the Scottish Government say we will be able to keep this. Nic pointed out Shona (our accountant) had already advised us against doing this. Lavinia will follow up on this **AP Lavinia**
- Lavinia is still negotiating a new contract with SSE **AP Lavinia**
- John Swinney has quoted the Coll mast as a flagship Scottish Government project, but he was unaware 40% (population or area?) of the island receives no signal

MC

- There has been no meeting

AC

- Martin Low from Mull Theatre Company has been running sound and lighting training. This was paid out of the VAF budget
- Bunkhouse sales are up 5%. This is in line with a 5% price increase for this year.
- Calmac are promoting the Coll and the Cosmos weekends this winter
- We discussed building an observatory. George believes the build cost could be 100% grant funded. Arlene stressed the other extra costs would need to be covered. Nic questioned the business case, ie demand and probable take-up. Lavinia was concerned about the weather. George will do some more research **AP George**

Housing

- Background on where the SLF application was currently. The community engagement report is in a draft format and we are awaiting a few requested changes.
- Nic left the meeting
- Update was given on the land owners responses to the district valuations
- Nic returned

Funding

- Creative Scotland bid is not in yet. It has been rewritten following discussion with Phyllis from Circus Alba, who sees a lot of funding applications. George will circulate the application for directors' feedback. **AP George**
- George has committed to making more progress with fund applications by the next board meeting **AP George**

AOB

- None

Next Meeting

Wednesday 25th November at 7 o'clock