

Minutes Development Coll 3rd May 2016

Present Lavinia, Nic, Peter, Margaret

Apologies George, Arlene

Juliette tried to skype but reception was very poor,

Carol attended the mast item only

Present as Observers Rosie MacGill, Laura Graham, Claire Jennings

Lavinia declared an interest in the Mobile Mast Project

Action Points from the minutes

- Housing is carried forward
- Website training has not happened, George has passed this onto Jane who will let everyone know when it is arranged
- Other actions have been completed or are in hand

Mobile Mast

Carol present

Lavinia has declared an interest due to her relationship with the landowner.

Earlier today Derek and Rod of Scottish Futures Trust came in and gave a presentation to Pete, Nic and Margaret outlining the proposal from EE. O2 are not ready to proceed now but Derek and Rod are certain they will later, BT has also recently expressed an interest in putting equipment on the mast. The EE proposal includes extending the mast, bringing in another cabin and generator and installing a new power supply. Work on Coll will take about a week in June when the Vodafone signal will go down. The EE signal may not go live immediately.

- Lavinia and the observers left the room

Derek and Rod need our approval to proceed. EE would like to have a temporary metered supply taken from our supply as they suspect SSE will take up to three months to install a new cable. They will pay for the power they use, Scottish Futures will act as intermediaries and we can charge an admin fee for this. We agreed this was fine, a fee of £30 was suggested.

Lawyers fees will be capped at £1000 by EE but the agreement will be very similar to that we have with Vodafone, we agreed this was acceptable.

EE will pay us a rent for twenty years, the amount will depend on how much equipment they install which is currently uncertain. We agreed a minimum rent of £7,500 pa would be acceptable, obtaining this return is a condition of progressing.

The Board unanimously support the expansion of mobile coverage on Coll.

- Lavinia and the observers returned
- Carol left

MC/An Cridhe update (combined because George was not present)

- We held another coffee morning raising over £150.
- Attendance at O is for Hoolet was disappointing, Saturday nights may not be the best night for drama.
- The bunkhouse showers are still giving us problems, one option would be to replace some or all with electric showers, Tim is getting quotes for this. When the bunkhouse is full the hot tanks empty and are slow to reheat with our current system.
- The MC discussed the pricing for the seniors coffee socials. The MC wishes to keep a consistent pricing policy over the use of the shared space for official functions, current charges are £1 per person per hour up to a max of £8 per hour. Bridge and Stitching currently pay this, so the MC did not feel able to ask the seniors for less.
- Gaz has painted the inside of the building

Housing

This is carried forward to the next meeting

Funding

- No information from George
- Pete has spoken to Pete Mackay about updating the office computer system and asked him to draft a one page proposal. Nic was concerned that Pete Mackay had been asked before the board had considered the proposal, and also that Arlene is familiar with IT systems and could have been asked. Funding to update the system may be easier to get than ongoing revenue funds, and our system including the current Sage program is not ideal.

AOB

The Board agreed to change the year-end to 31st December. The VAT accounting periods will be altered to suit. Pete and Shona will inform all the necessary bodies.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th June at 6-30