

PUBLICATION MINUTE of the meeting of the **BOARD**

Held on 7th May 2009 at Bornish 16.30.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Angus MacMillan Chairman	Sarah MacEachen
	Fr M J MacDonald Vice Chair	David Blaney
	George MacAulay	Martin Matheson
	John MacMillan	
	Lorne MacLeod	

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Huw Francis, Chief Executive	Roddy MacDonald

ATTENDING	Kirsty Campbell Minute taker	

DECLARATION INTEREST	OF	LML – Reports item 7

Agenda Heading	Record of Proceedings
Minutes of the previous meeting	Following minor amendment to item 7, the minutes of the previous meeting 08/01/09 were proposed by Lorne MacLeod and Seconded by George MacAulay. The meeting approved the minutes.
Action Sheet	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy on debt chasing – HF to prepare report for next meeting, carried forward 2. Working Groups – the board agreed this should be actioned after the AGM. 3. Automated emails – ongoing 4. Meeting with youth groups – A meeting between the youth group and the Board should be arranged. 5. Business strategy – The business strategy has now been uploaded onto the web site. 6. Debts – Outstanding commercial rent arrears to be chased up. LML to action. 7. Uist House – no movement. HF to arrange a site visit for Directors. 8. Enterprise Fund application – no movement. 9. Meeting Angus MacLeod – Actioned. 10. Costs re Land Court – formal decision to move for costs in all aspects of the case.

<p>Reports-</p> <p>Chief Executive report</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Lodge and Sporting – Booking numbers are up for 2009. 6. Fishing - A centralised booking system for fishing has been introduced which is working well. 7. Crofting – The recent apportionment hearing for Benbecula common grazing was held in the DI. Stòras Uibhist’s response was not received in time. The board agreed that a general Stòras Uibhist position on apportionments should be drawn up. 8. Renewables – Decision on the planning application is anticipated on 19th May. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development working group –ntr. 2. Uist House – ntr 3. AMM reported on the meetings held between Stòras Uibhist (AMM and LML) with HIE CnES, Mg Alba and Cal Mac in Stornoway on 28th May. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">HIE – discussion covered - Account management procedures, HIE budgets constraints, Stòras Uibhist projects, Lochboisdale technical study, Strategy group.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">CnES – discussion covered – CnES willing to support Storas Uibhist, staffing, housing strategy being developed by CnES business gateway, Uist house, Economic development.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">MG Alba - Discussion on opportunities on South Uist.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The board agreed to advocate the position of support for CnES’s role in leading economic development role within the Western Isles.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The board agreed to make specific requests to CnES for support and in building relationships.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">CnES – Loan for purchase - The loan agreement for £75,000 must be signed by Stòras Uibhist or no further financial support will be allocated from CnES to Stòras Uibhist.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Lorne MacLeod left the meeting for the duration of the following discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Cal Mac –AMM met with the new MD of Cal Mac Phil Preston. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">There is a need to make a strong representation for the Islay boat which becomes available in 2011 to be used for Lochboisdale-Mallaig route. RET is flagging up congestion on routes and there is likely to big demand for the available vessel.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The submission to the ferries review should be available at the next Board Meeting.</p>
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A letter should be sent to CnES, HIE, Mallaig port Authority, Highland Council and Visit Scotland requesting support.

LML returned to the meeting.

5. Board elections – The board reviewed the ballot paper for the elections. The board requested the inclusion of information relating to the proposer and seconder of each candidate.

6. AGM - It was noted the date is the 3rd June 2009 in Talla an Iochdar.

Audited accounts are not available to send out with the AGM notification, they are due to be ready on 16th May.

AGM notifications will be issued on 13th May.

It was agreed to request that substantial questions or those pertaining to the accounts should be submitted in writing in advance.

The board approved the notifications.

7. Aob – A photograph of the board was taken for the record.

The meeting was then closed.

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