

Minutes of Great Bernera Development Trust

Monday 17th October 2022 (via zoom)

Present: Anne Ryan (Chair), John Porteous, Tom MacDonald, Tony Spinks, Callum MaAulay, Rhianan Teather, Angus MacDonald, Julia Higginbottom, Joanna George (Dev worker) and Nat Higginbottom (Dev Worker)

Matters Arising

Dev Reports

Nat & Joanna provided an update of current work. Welcome pack has been finalised and funding sourced to print. Successful bid for Cost of Living Crisis funding. Looking for funding for mapping (John/Joanna to meet to discuss)

Buy Out

John Gillies (Ken MacDonald) currently working on gaining information for the Trust

Meeting arranged with Sandra Holmes (HIE) on 18/10/22 to discuss funding.

Ballot – updated list of those registered has been received although still no clarification on who is eligible to vote.

Hatchery – Valuation and Structural Survey report has been circulated round group. Valued at £60,000.

Housing – nothing to update. Jo to follow up.

Scot Gov Support – no news on articles although they have been received by Scot Gov

Feasibility report – in progress. Meeting to discuss 18/10/22. Need to ensure we have needs and expectations of crofters.

Asset Transfer – Awaiting response from council.

AGM – 14th November invitation to go out to all households and Bernera news to let them know date and details of what will be discussed.

Pontoons – John to pass copy of business plan to Nat. Ongoing difficulty with electrical supply. Raise with MSP, MP, Councillor.

Washing machine/Tumble dryer – John to pass to Nat for updated costs.

Funding – Green Shoots – various options available. Jo and Julia to work together to discuss.

Terminology – whenever discussions take place “Gift crofts” should be called “Owner Occupied crofts” to avoid any confusion.

Training – Jo had requested funding for training which was approved by the group.