

LDO report: 24/04/19

Updates	Notes/Questions
<p>PLOCK HUB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We've received the pre-planning advice from the Highland Council. It lists a number of studies that we will have to undertake to get a planning application. Not all of these studies were known to us before so the costs of this pre-development stage will increase significantly. We were looking at costs in a region of £25 - £28k before all the other studies were included. We are currently in discussions with the tenderers to refine their proposals to include these works. • The soft-play area should be designed before we apply for the planning permission. This means that we need to secure funding for this as well. • SNH advised us that the Phase 1 Habitat Survey done by Chris Marsh in 2015 is sufficient, however we do have to update the Otter survey. • Roger Cottis, who has been involved with the otters at the Plock since the Skye Bridge was being planned, agreed to do an otter survey at the Plock followed by an on-site community learning session for £750. It's much cheaper than any other company. As there is a community learning aspect to it, I would like to use the Co-op fund for it. • Another two aspects of the pre-planning advice were that HC wants all buildings to be of high quality and the self-catering accommodation pods also need to be of different sizes/footprints. They also insinuate that as part of the planning condition we would be expected to "make proportionate financial developer contributions towards Public Art and Green Infrastructure in the form of on-site provision, by Transport Scotland and/or Transport Planning, and by the Flood Risk Management Team and/or Community Services." • The £5k of funding from the Highland Council has been transferred to our account. • HIE feels that we need further discussions with them before they commit to funding us a specific amount. We previously thought that they have initially committed to give us £10k towards this project stage. This was based on an estimated project cost of £25k. • We've learned that Hamilton Park Trust has a separate bank account with around £3071 leftover from the previous infrastructural improvements at the Plock. They will transfer the balance to us to use towards the design costs. • Siobhan, Pam and I have assessed the 4 tenders that were submitted. We interviewed 3 companies. • Based on discussions with Skye Camping project manager, we've decided that we need support from the architects with developing the project brief. This would greatly benefit all parties, help avoid confusion and misunderstandings. It would also help us to understand the details of what we want exactly, 	<p>Do you agree for Roger to undertake the survey and have it paid from the Co-op fund? Yes/No</p>

e.g. how many kids should the soft play area cater for at any one time, how many parents, how many tables (and how close to each other) should the café have, etc.

- We've also learned that MOWI is working with local fitness couple to develop a sports centre and a café on their land across the bridge. We will try to arrange a meeting to see what exactly their proposal includes and if it doesn't collide with our plans.
- I see us developing something similar to the Kyle of Sutherland Hub (but with no gym and other extra bits).
<http://www.kyleofsutherland.com/>

If I organised a study visit there and perhaps another Community Hub, would any of you like to come? Who?

WILDLIFE HIDE

- The school field visit to the Plock will take place on 29th April.

LOCHALSH CONSULTATION

- Another successful meeting took place in Dornie on 3rd April. We discussed initial methods and topics for the consultation. For the first time we've also had a representative coming from the Stromeferry and Achmore Community Council.
- It was identified that we will require funding to employ someone to help us deliver this consultation.

ACTIVITIES

- The Wellness Day was very successful with 107 people attending. All feedback was very positive. We've also gathered additional information for our Plock Hub. We've raised £68.
- The Orienteering event was also very well attended with 15 teams (48 people). We've raised £48.50.
- Mo MacQuirre agreed to continue providing the Line Dancing classes every Tuesday afternoon in Kyle for free. We charge people £3 per session. We've earned £15 on 9th April and £21 for 16th April (- £10 for the hall rental per session).
- **Including the tree planting, 449 benefitted from our activities. We've managed to involve 15 organisations, 15 professionals, 1 public provider and 6 schools/nurseries in organising these activities.**
- **Overall, the activities cost us £739.53 for January to April.**

INCOME	
Co-op fund - the the Plock only	£6,721.53
Car wash	£516.61
Entrance fees/Donations	£386.50
Health Improvement Fund	£200.00
EXPENDITURE	
Co-op fund - the the Plock only	£104.70
From Car Wash	£434.83
From Highland Improvement Fund	£200.00
TOTAL	£739.53

<p>PONTOONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An advert about managing pontoons this season has been posted on social media and is due to be published on WHFP. • 4 enquiries have come forward so far for managing the pontoons. • We have received 2 invoices for this season: £341 from HC for pontoon licence and £550 from the Crown Estate Scotland for lease of seabed. 	<p>Who will deal with them?</p>
<p>ANNUAL ACCOUNTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the lack of information from the pontoons coordinator and his actions that we have recently found out about, we were delayed with finalising the Annual Accounts and, as such, will be penalised by the Companies House - £150 for the first month. • Draft accounts have been sent to Pam by the accountants. 	
<p>AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date of AGM has been moved to Tuesday 21st May at the Lighthouse Christian Centre – 7pm. • I would like to suggest a cheese and wine event. Cheryl and I can do updates on our projects. • I made a poster for the AGM which outlines our achievements since last AGM and aims what we plan to accomplish by the next AGM. What do you think of it? Anything that needs changing? • I'm still in correspondence with the Community Right to Buy to update our Articles of Association, however if we do not get the definite answer by Monday then we won't be able to include the proposed changes in this AGM as everything needs to be advertised by then. 	
<p>CAR CHARGING POINT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft planning application has been prepared. We are now waiting for comments from SWARCO. 	