

LDO report: 09/10/19

Updates	Notes/Questions
<p>PLOCK HUB + ACCOMMODATION PODS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We've seen the first sketch of the hub building and the site presented by Ian Hall on 2nd October and provided comments. Everyone was pleased with how the design is developing. • A preliminary date has been agreed for a community drop-in session. • I've submitted an expression of interest to National Lottery Communities Fund – Community Assets programme. • Pam, Janet and I attended a drop-in session of the SSE's Highland Sustainable Development Fund. We were encouraged to apply for funds to help develop the idea of a Viking Living Village and towards the salary of a Project Officer. Pam and I think that we should push this project forward and then apply to Regeneration Capital Grant Fund in summer 2020 for the Plock Hub building and the Viking Living Village together as there is a huge potential for regeneration as well as social benefit to our community. • Pam, Derek, Marie and I went to check the site for the accommodation pods. There was a question whether all 7 pods will fit there. • There is a need to progress with designing the pods now while Dualchas are designing the Hub building, infrastructure and bases for the pods. This will help us with getting information for the business case/plan. I suggest that we appoint Tansy Grigor-Taylor to design the pods as her costs would be much lower and the buildings should be cheaper to build than Dualchas. She indicated that she would be able to make suitable designs. Tansy's designs cost 3% of a built price (no VAT) per design up to a building stage though. This is equivalent to £1.5 based on a pod cost of £45k. Dualchas indicated that they would charge us about £4.5k (+ VAT). 	<p>Do you agree to proceed with Tansy or Dualchas? Or provide an alternative option that could be taken forward straight away.</p>
<p>SOCIAL PRESCRIBING OF GREEN ACTIVITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first meeting of the steering group was held on 26th September. Few priorities that were identified in Kyle included older men, young children & families, elderly people and mental health. 	
<p>FUNDING FOR NEW JOBS AT THE PLOCK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I've submitted a funding application to Earnest Cook Grant for £45k. They only fund part of a salary & costs of an Outdoor Learning Officer so I re-shaped the entire project proposal. I've limited the project to Plock only, rather than Lochalsh. I kept the Ranger's position, removed the Finance & Administration Officer's position (but added admin costs to the project costs) and changed the Community Engagement Officer's position into an Outdoor Learning Officer. These changes will also help us make a better case to other funders. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I've received comments from Ailsa Villegas (Highland Green Health Partnership) on our application to National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF). • As we are required to have a detailed programme of activities for our application to the NLHF, Ailsa and I have created 7 topics for activities. These include: create arts & music, themed walks, community shed, wildlife hide, Plock nature group, conservation volunteering and play & outdoor learning. 	
<p>LOCHALSH CONSULTATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting on 18th September was cancelled by Mick Doyle. We should hear later this month whether we've been successful in our application to Scottish Government. 	
<p>CAR CHARGING POINT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are now waiting for a date to start the works. 	
<p>CELEBRATION EVENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event was very successful and we've had an estimated 150 people attending. The dog show was really well attended and should be repeated at some point 😊 • Well done to the organisers and helpers. 	
<p>PLOCK PROJECT OFFICER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet Ullman joined our team on 30th September. 	