

Pennyghael Development Association  
Directors Meeting  
The Old Church  
Thursday 9 September 2010  
7.30 pm

**Apologies:** Fiona Brown , Joy Hardy, Charles Pease

**Present:** Roger Blackwell, Sarah Blackwell, Paul Chauvet, Sue Morgan, Joy Roberts

**Minutes of last meeting, 15 July 2010:** were proposed by Sue, seconded by Eileen

**Matters arising: Events:** The Roche's Garden Party on Sun 22 August raised around £420. If we do this again, the agacat rides would be advertised in advance and would be a good 'draw'. Nothing more has been heard from the organizers of the screening of 'Blooded'

**Community Links Scotland Questionnaire:** We await the draft 'business plan' which will incorporate the results of the questionnaire. With help from CLS, Sarah has applied for grants of £9,500 each to A&B LEADER fund and the BIG Lottery fund in order

- To appoint consultants to assess need, demand and alternative options, resulting in production of an options appraisal, comprehensive Business Plan and funding strategy;
- To appoint an architect to work with the consultants and produce costed design options in line with the consultants' findings and recommendations and the needs and demands of the local community, and to produce a final, fully costed option to be put forward for funding.

It should be noted that the applications have required us to pledge £1000 as our contribution, but this should not be required until near the end of the 1 year project. Sarah has today received a grant offer from the BIG Lottery fund.

**Rewiring:** OES put in a quote – eventually – of £13666.28 exc VAT. Since neither Mark Staley not Glen Cato can do all the work, we seem to have no way forward at present. We can only hope that the CLS project may prove helpful.

**“Growth at the Edge” Local Development Officer:** Sarah is on the Steering Group composed of volunteer local interested parties who will oversee MICT's management of this person, appointed recently, whose function will be to develop and implement a community growth plan for the Ross of Mull & Iona. She reported that Morven Gibson had been appointed to the post.

**Repair/replacement of the 'Pennyghael Community Hall' sign.** It was agreed that we should try and reinstate the existing sign since there are no spare funds for replacing it at the moment. Carl/Bob to be asked to quote -

**Use of the Hall for accommodation of Duke of Edinburgh Award group** We used to charge £4 per person per night; it was agreed that this should be raised to £6 ppn,

**Invoice received from Epsilon NV for £900.00 for water supply pipe**

EpsilonNV have tendered an invoice to the PCA for £900, £1057.50 including VAT, for 'the new water supply pipe to your property'. This surprised some of us, since (although we all know that the water supply needed work during the drought earlier in the year) all we have been told about this at previous directors' meetings was on 15 Jun 09 " \*(i)\* Paul Chauvet reported that PGEstate will be getting estimates for repair/upgrading the water supply which is shared by the Smithy, the School House, the Hall and Tigh na Sorachan; the intention is that the cost be shared among the owners of these properties. There was a discussion about the necessity of water purity testing."

However, Paul reported that the Estate is making a donation to the PCA/PDA of £500 to help us meet the cost for which the meeting expressed very grateful thanks - Sarah to write in thanks. Reg has agreed to continue cleaning the filter regularly but will be charging circa £80 p.a. (in total? Or each property?) for doing so.

**A.O.B.** 1) The bench provided by Revd. Artley has been installed – it cost £260 + £18 for slabs to stand it on - thanks to Sue and Reg for organising this. She has been here recently, and has given another donation of £100 which Sarah will acknowledge in writing.

2) It was decided that Peter Wathey should be invoiced for the “£10 per month” which he apparently claims to have agreed to pay. Sarah will investigate!

3) **Future Events** The van P's will host a Dutch coffee morning on 2 October with a Dutch raffle.

The November coffee morning (Wagstaffs) will be changed to the second Sat 13 November and will include the RNLI Christmas stall

A chili night is proposed for Sat 6 November – Roger will apply for a bar licence.

Sat 27 Nov was suggested for an Xmas Fayre

Sun 12 December was suggested for the Xmas lunch

4) Sue said that the PCA have in the past given a donation to Charles for the New Year fireworks – it was agreed that this is a custom which should be continued/reinstated.

**Comment:** Sarah will put this and the Nov change of date in R&A; and we will include Craignure in the poster -ing

**Comment:** Craignure Producers' market is on Sun 28 - why can't ours be on 13<sup>th</sup> With the RNLI stall?

**Date and time of next meeting. Thursday 18 November 7.30**

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm.