



Horshader Community Development Newsletter September 2016

Community Consultation



Hello from the Development Manager

Thank you to all who took part in our community survey and attended the consultation day.

We hope that you found the presentations from some of the Horshader grant holders both interesting and inspirational. We look forward to assisting more projects and ideas over the coming months and years.

The results from the community consultation prioritised the following ideas under each of the themes:

- * **Transport**-more organised community trips
- * **Health** - exercise classes and team sports activities
- * **Housing**-care home; sheltered housing
- * **Social**-events co-ordinator
- * **Economy**-training events for crofting
- * **Arts, culture and heritage**-Loch a Bhaile development; museum refurbishment; fishing trips; more signage
- * **Environmental**-planting of shrubs and flowers along the roadside
- * **Youth**-undecided, (previous playpark—common grazing's group has been asked to identify land)
- * **Trust projects**-landscaping around trust offices; painting trust offices; interpretation panel near turbine; investigate potential for solar panels to assist with running costs of the trust offices.

We appreciate all your feedback and ideas and will present each home with a short report outlining how these ideas will be progressed.

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Community Grant Fund 2016



The following awards have been made from the Horshader Community Fund in 2016:

- * **Iain Macarthur** was awarded a training grant to pay for a weaving mentor –Iain Mackay
- * **Hebrides Alpha** support unit in Coll was assisted with running costs
- * **Western Isles Community Care Forum** was awarded funding towards carers training
- * **Enable Western Isles** towards organising a respite trip
- * **Carloway Community Association** towards costs of producing the Carloway newsletter
- * Two hardship grants were awarded in the community
- * **Heb Celt Festival** towards promotion of a concert held in Shawbost during Festival week
- * **Lewis and Harris Piping Society** received funding towards a prize hamper
- * **Clann a Latha an De** towards costs of annual mainland trip
- * **Urras Dualchas Shiaboist** were awarded funding towards the costs of designs for their building
- * **Westside Agricultural Show** towards hiring a marquee, tannoy system and livestock barriers
- * **Shawbost Sheepdog Trials** towards costs of their annual event

- * **Sgoil Shiaboist** towards costs of a mainland residential trip
- * **Shawbost Gardening Group** towards costs of annual flower tubs and maintenance of their community gardens
- * **Carloway Agricultural Show** for costs in producing the show programme
- * **Westside Runners and Fitness Club** to assist in costs of organising the first Hebrides triathlon
- * **An Eathar** towards the purchase of safety equipment and training. The group also got funding towards costs of refurbishing a building into a boatshed for the Yackydoola

Oil Bulk Buying group

We now have a core group of 17 interested in the oil bulk buying scheme which will allow us to purchase oil at a reduced rate. The simplest way forward is for a planned delivery system where the supplier will top up each home on a regular basis. This is a 1 year pilot scheme which we will review at the end. If you would like to join the scheme, please contact us for more details on how to join.

Please contact Angela for more information on the Community Fund.

Grow Your Own

The Grow Your Own project ran a series of Gardening Workshops for new and novice gardeners through June and July. The aim of the workshops was to encourage people interested in growing their own fruit and vegetables and tackling their own gardens by drawing on local knowledgeable and experienced gardeners. We covered a range of subjects from keeping pests away, preparing soil to homemade liquid plant feed and a visit to the Lethad Ard open garden in Carloway. We would like to thank our speakers for leading informative and interesting sessions; thanks to Angus Seoig, Kirsty Macdonald, Stuart Oakley, Peter Harlington and Barry Shelby.



Practical Cookery Workshops

Practical cookery workshops started again on the 22nd August. The first 4 Mondays will be with Allan Macritchie, head chef at Borge House. The dates are (22nd Aug), 29th August, 5th and 12th September.

Forthcoming dates (subject to change):

19th Sept-10th October with Manoj Sharma

7th Nov-28th Nov with Marcin Juszcak

9th Jan-30th Jan with Alasdair Macleod

6th Feb-21st Feb with Kenny Mackay

We also hope to have a cookery demo in
December with a top chef!



Growing in the polytunnels we have...

.....tomatoes, spring onions, potatoes, grapes, leeks, carrots and cabbage.

We welcome David Murdo back to work on a phased return and extend a big thank you to Frank Stark who has been filling in for him during his sick leave. Frank will be with us until the end of September when David Murdo should be back to full capacity. Our thanks also goes to Brenda Stewart and the other volunteers who have been assisting at the polytunnels.

Thanks too to Seumas Macleod who was with us at over the summer holidays.





Frank Stark busy in the polytunnels!

Seumas Macleod hard at work.



Harvest

This year, the time between each harvest has been longer. Resulting from feedback, we will be concentrating on growing vegetables which make up a staple diet. Between September and December, cabbage, carrots, parsnips, beetroot and potatoes will be grown. Call in at the polytunnels or give the office a ring for more information.



Welcome to our latest director Diane Smith

Diane Smith is from South Shawbost. She studied Hospitality at Lews Castle College and Glasgow College of Food Technology and then in 2001 graduated from Lews Castle College with an HND in Business Administration. Diane has been involved with various community and school groups over the years and is currently the Treasurer of Urras Dualchas Shiaboist (Shawbost Heritage Trust) and works as the Assistant Operations Manager for the Catering and Cleaning Section of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar. Diane was on the steering group set up in 2003 to look at the possibility of building the community owned turbine on common grazing land. We look forward to Diane's contribution to HCD.



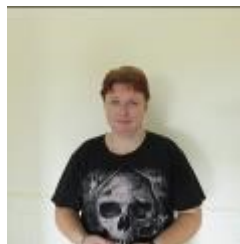
Welcome to three new staff!



Mairi Graham has joined us as a book keeper (part time.) Mairi works two and a half days with Horshader and the remainder of the week with the Galson Estate.



Donna Dorris has joined us as admin officer. Donna is from High Borge and is full time with us.



Angela Gardner is our new cleaner. Angela lives in Grinnivat and is with us 4 hours a week.

Welcome to all our new staff!

The Horshader minibus

Our minibus has had a busy summer with runs to the opening of the new Museum in Stornoway, to the Barvas Show, from Doune Braes to the Carloway Show dance and over to the Lewis Carnival. Pictured are some happy passengers headed for the Carnival!

We are organising some community outings in the coming months including visits to:

- * Comunn Eachdraidh Nis
- * Tarbert, Harris
- * Stornoway
- * Uig Community Centre (and Comunn Eachdraidh)

We always encourage the community to use the minibus for any social activities or to get to and from appointments. With Autumn and Winter coming, we will be arranging trips to Stornoway to go to the cinema, to hospital appointments and visits, to the sports centre. We welcome your ideas too.

Flyers will be circulated soon with further information so keep your eyes peeled....



The minibus and the Mod!

Our minibus is being used by the Barra Choir from Wednesday 19th October until the 22nd October of Mod week.

If there are competitions you would like to attend, the minibus will do runs to and from Stornoway on the Monday and Tuesday of that week.

Let us know if you are interested in reserving a seat on the bus on those days.

New garage for the minibus

The minibus garage is now complete. It will also be a safe place for our handyman Don to store his tools.

The garage will also serve as a workshop so daily chores and jobs can be undertaken out of the bad weather.

Don has had a very busy summer and will be taking well deserved holidays in November but remember to contact us for all your handyman jobs before then.



The Loom Project

In March 2016, Horshader Community Development took delivery of 3 new Rapier looms from GTM. These have been leased out to 3 members of our community who are now employed as weavers. Similar to other trusts, we have had technical issues with the looms, which we will continue to pursue with GTM.

We are delighted to be in a position to bring employment to the area.



Risort Power Generation Ltd.

David Wright has provided an update on the turbine:

Our turbine continues to perform well, with no issues, other than those relating to turbine maintenance and SSE outages. We lost one day due to a routine inspection by Enercon and SSE informed us of an outage 6th Aug – 10th Aug, the work was finished ahead of schedule and we lost 3 days instead of 5. There were a further 2 days lost due to a grid fault at Callanish.



Diary Dates!

Cookery Classes

19th Sept-10th October with Manoj Sharma

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- * **Family Fun day in September with RSPB**
- * **Mod week (w/b) 17th October**
- * **RSPB Presentation on Agricultural Environment Scheme, October**
- * **RSPB Workshop on Agricultural Environment Scheme, November**
- * **Christmas stall 26th November, all welcome**
- * **Horshader Santas Grotto 2nd December, all welcome**
- * **HCD AGM, December**
- * **Next Horshader newsletter due December 2016!**

Horshader Directors

David Wright (chairman), Di Hesketh, Angus Macarthur, Eileen Macdonald, Mairi Maclean, Catriona Macleod, Iain Macarthur, Diane Smith

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