

## **COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER UPDATE – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

### *Gleann Dubhlinn hydro scheme*

No progress since December.

### *Scarista Wind turbine*

Still awaiting a reply from OFGEM on the latest submission.

### *Horgabost Wind Turbine*

No fresh response from OFGEM on pre-accreditation registration.

### *Seilebost turbine*

SSE are moving to a new database to improve management of FITs claims. They therefore advised that the meter reading due in December would be postponed until the end of January when the new system is up and running.

### *Rubha Romagaidh- Community Building*

The project committee met on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January to consider how to fill the funding gap in the project. Savings of £95,500 in the specification and the removal of the polytunnels and playpark proposed by the architect were accepted. Potential savings of £35k from removing the marquee and the sliding partition in the main hall were rejected because their loss would have a significant impact on the revenue generating potential of the centre. The architects received a quote from a specialist roofing contractor which was almost £100k less than in the lowest tender received. The M&E engineer thinks that savings in this area may be only £20k which is disappointing considering that these 2 areas were massively higher than budgeted. Given that the funding gap would remain in the region of £400k it was decided to instruct the architects to specify a metal roof which should yield a further £50-100k in savings. One contractor suggested a chipped surface rather than tarmac on the access road. Given the desire to have the road adopted this was not considered to be a good idea, except possibly in the flat area adjacent to the building. Additional funds will still be required and key funders will consider this in February/March.

### *Marine Access project*

Patrick Cannon of Airfloat visited on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> December to assess damage to the affected pontoon modules. He advised and quoted for repairs and a change to the mooring system. Further information on the claim is being provided to the insurers.

### *Plot sales*

No new progress

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