

Community Archaeology Westray (CAW)

Minutes of Meeting 30/4/19 2:00 p.m. Learning Centre

Present:

Peter Needham (PN) (Chair)
Ian Ricketts (IR) (Treasurer)
Elizabeth Drever (ED) (Secretary)
Stephen Hagan (SH)
Hazel Moore (HM)
William Turnbull (WT)

Apologies

Apologies from Graeme Wilson (GW)

PN welcomed everyone.

1. Minutes of Meeting of 20/3/19

The minutes of the meeting of 20/3/19 were circulated, approved by SH, seconded by HM and signed by the Chairman.

2. Historic Environment Scotland (HES) 20/2/19 item 2

HM & GW had met with HES in Fort George earlier in April regarding Ease Archaeology. Excavations at the Links of Noltland (LoN) are due to finish in 2019 or 2020. The LoN legacy project is awaiting full approval by HES, it may be that it would start with a pilot project on a small area. Support had been voiced for LoN being a cruise ship visitor destination.

Following discussion it was agreed that PN should write to George Findlater of HES to arrange a meeting with representatives of HES when they visit Orkney in May or June.

3. Memorandum of Understanding 20/2/19 item 5

A letter had been received from Westray Development Trust (WDT) in response to the letter & Memorandum of Understanding which CAW had sent.

It was agreed that WT should bring the matter of the lease amendment to the next Westray Golf Club (WGC) management meeting.

(b/f) **PN** would contact Mark Fresson regarding the planning process for the LoN Centre.

(b/f) **PN** would contact OIC's Access Officer to discuss access requirements for the proposed LoN Centre.

4. CAW Progress Report

PN had put together a brief document on the LoN project and this had been widely circulated to WDT, WGC, Westray Heritage Trust, & Westray Community Council as well as placed as an insert in Auk Talk and displayed on the shop windows and the Bargain Box. ED had also posted the document on the Westray facebook page.

5. Collaboration

Following discussion it was agreed to invite Ann Marwick, Heritage & Tourism consultant, to come to Westray for a meeting to discuss the project or alternatively a meeting could be arranged in Kirkwall if that proved more suitable. **PN**

6. Treasurer's Report

IR reported that CAW had £1250.04 in the bank, a further £172.59 in cash and WDT holding £104. The banking needs to be adjusted to require a 2nd person to approve payments. Following discussion it was agreed that CAW should be members of Westray & Papa Westray Tourist Association.

7. Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)

A letter had been received from OSCR and, following discussion, it was agreed that PN would reply to the letter and would ask Voluntary Action Orkney (VAO) for assistance in providing the necessary information. It was agreed that the group name would remain Community Archaeology Westray

8. Visit Scotland

Visit Scotland would be coming to Westray on 9th May and it was agreed that PN would arrange for some members to meet with them. WT would be meeting them with WGC.

9. North Isles Landscape Partnership (NILP)

HM informed members about the NILP meeting being held this evening.

10. Date of next meeting

A date was not set for the next meeting as it would depend when Ann Marwick could meet with the group.

The meeting ended at 3:10 p.m.