



**MEETING OF THE WESTERN ISLES DEVELOPMENT TRUST
(COMPANY NUMBER SC271462)**

Minutes of Meeting of Western Isles Development Trust Date & Time:
5 p.m., Thursday 28 September 2023.

Venue: Remotely by Microsoft Teams only.

PRESENT

Nominated Members

David Muir (Director and Nominated Member)
Sheena Stewart (Director and Nominated Member)
Cllr. Iain M. Macleod (Director and Nominated Member)
Cllr Grant Fulton (Director and Nominated Member)
Matthew Logan (Director and Nominated Member)

Elected Members

Anne Bird (Elected Director for Uist and Ordinary Member)
Donnie Morrison (Elected Director for Lewis and Ordinary Member) (Chair)
Calum MacKay (Elected Director for Harris and Ordinary Member)
Katie Denehy (Elected Director for Barra & Vatersay and Ordinary Member)

APOLOGIES

Kevin Morrison on behalf of Kirsty MacCormick (Elected Director for Uist and Ordinary Member)
Betty McAtear (Elected Director for Barra & Vatersay and Ordinary Member)

Finlay MacIennan (Director and Nominated Member)
Cllr. Kenneth Macleod (Director and Nominated Member) (Vice Chair)
Cllr Norman MacDonald (Director and Nominated Member)
Catriona Murray (Director and Nominated Member)
Iain Maciver (Director and Nominated Member)
Kirsty Macleod (Director and Nominated Member)

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The meeting was quorate.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2023.

The Minutes were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- Re Item 9 'FUNDING REPORTS: BARRA & VATERSAY SCIENCE FESTIVAL', the group had confirmed that they were happy for their report to be made available on the WIDT website (and this had duly been completed).

4. CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION

- Current financial position noted.

5. SMALL PROJECTS FUND 2023

- Board Decisions were as follows:

	Small Grant Application	Project Name	Sum Awarded
1	The Caladh Trust	Ongoing Refurbishment: Pop-Up Office	£ 200.00
2	Stress Monkey Club CIC	Grounded	£ 0.00
3	The Shed Project	Pilot Project	£ 0.00
4	The North Harris Trust	Tarbert Young Crofters	£1,500.00
5	North Lewis War Memorial	Urgent Remedial Works to War Memorials	£ 0.00
6	National Youth Choir of Sco	Isle of Lewis Regional Choir 2023-24	£ 0.00
7	Scalpay Community Association	Scalpay Community Heritage Development	£1,200.00
8	Tong Toddler Group	Tong Toddler Group	£1,500.00
9	Sporsnis	Fios Gaelic Project	£ 0.00
10	Grimsay Community Ass	Embedding Heritage Craft	£ 500.00
11	Caraidean Uibhist SCIO	Pantomime	£1,500.00
12	Withdrawn		
13	Torman	Torman PA System	£1,000.00
14	Comunn Na Gaidhlig	Turas Leodhais	£ 600.00
15	Uig Community Centre Ass	Shelter from the Storm - Uig	£1,000.00
16	Taigh Dhonnchaidh	Equipment for Taigh Dhonnchaidh	£1,000.00
17	North Uist Development Co	Environment Centre Sensory Garden	£1,300.00
18	Sgoil an Iochdair Parent Council	Sgoil an Iochdair Youth Club & Football Club	£1,000.00
19	Hebrides Alpha Project	Hebrides Alpha Project	£1,200.00
20	Islands Book Trust	Publication of Book by Marc Colquhoun	£1,000.00
21	Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band	Drum Tuition Project	£1,500.00
22	Feis Tir an Eorna	Feis Tir an Eorna	£1,500.00
23	Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band	Scottish Schools Pipe Band Competition	£1,000.00
24	Storas Uibhist	Christmas Venison	£ 0.00
25	Lewis & Harris Piping Society	Lewis & Harris Piping Society	£ 750.00
26	Grinneabhat UCBA	Grinneabhat	£ 750.00
27	Point Youth Club	Accessibility for All	£ 0.00
28	Point & Sandwich Coast SCIO	E Bike Project	£ 0.00
			£20,000.00

- **Feedback was to be provided to those applicants who were unsuccessful or were awarded less than they had requested. Before receiving their award, those in the latter category would be required to confirm that their project could proceed with the reduced funding.**

6. MAIN FUND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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The Board discussed the application and agreed that it was an excellent project which had the potential of meeting the fund's objectives.

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7. MAIN FUND APPLICATIONS

- **No applications received.**

8. RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR

- Hazel Mansfield gave notice that she had resigned as a director of the Company. The resignation had been notified to Companies House.

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- Next Board Meeting to be held on Thursday 28 October 2023 at 5 p.m. using Microsoft Teams.

END.