

## Ullapool Museum Trust

Minutes of the 254th meeting of Ullapool Museum Trust held on  
Tuesday May 11th at 11.00am via Zoom

1. **Present:** Ellie Ing, Siobhan Beatson, Alastair Cunningham, Jenny Cunningham, George Hobbs, Mhairi Muncaster, Penny Stewart, Helen Avenell, Lesley Spenceley

2. **Apologies:** Jemma Middleton, Ian Cockburn,

3. Minutes of 13th April 2021 were agreed (Proposed by George Hobbs seconded by Mhairi Muncaster)

4. There were no matters arising

5. Chair report will be prepared for next meeting

6. Admissions are going quite well since we opened.

Building maintenance: Quotes are being gathered for lime washing the exterior, costs will use ring fenced reserves

7. Banking: signatories on the RBS accounts are in the process of being altered as Nigel hands over to Alastair. Finance update: grants have been received, probably no more for the year.

7. Crowdfunding: Mhairi reported on the different forums for raising money through crowdfunding and how this could be done. Examples from other museums show a variety of amounts can be raised for either specific projects or to cover loss of income due to the pandemic. Museums Association platform is one possible site.

Various options were discussed including tying the fundraising to a specific event and a separate campaign for the Hector celebrations.

8. Museum opening and rota: The museum will open for 5 days per week from 1st June. Three new volunteers have come forward. We are waiting to hear about an employee through the Kickstart scheme.

9. Limewash: Helen checking requirements for contractors (to comply with listed status).

Website update: in progress

10: Lost Inverlael: Helen and Siobhan updated the board on the project. 2 weeks of walkover surveys completed including with Ullapool High School. Lots of interesting finds as detailed on Facebook.

Drone footage is being used for mapping by archaeologists. Onsite excavation to take place later, possibly September and next year.

Arran has been working with Kindercroft nursery on archaeology activities and on a Gaelic language audit of the museum.

The board discussed ways to display information from the project in the museum including an interactive table with maps and artist renditions for the site.

11. AOB: Siobhan to look into sick pay and maternity policies so we are compliant.

12: Next meeting: Thursday 17th June 10am on Zoom