

Present

Andrew Mackenzie	Lews Castle College
Ms Agnes Mols Mortensen	TARI – Faroe seaweed
Prof Lisbeth Truelstrup Hansen	Arktisk Teknologi Center, Greenland
Prof Francesco Gentili	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
Dr Ronan Sulpice	NUI Galway
Calle Niemi	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
Dr Roy Bartle	Lews Castle College
Dr Alasdair MacLeod	Lews Castle College, Stornoway
Prof Rúnar Unnþórsson	University of Iceland

Apologies

Dr Angus Murray	Lews Castle College
Jon MacLeod	An Lanntair
Clíodhna Ní Ghríofa	Údarás na Gaeltachta, Na Forbacha, Co. na Gaillimhe

Minute

	ITEM	Comment	Decision	Task	Who?	By date
1.	Approval of SW-GROW Skype meeting 30 April 2020	The minute was approved.				

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3.	Update on progress by person/organisation since last meeting at the end of March.	<p>Lews Castle College Roy Bartle: most of the water activity equipment has been delivered. However, the water bath that was received has sprung a leak - so will have to be repaired. Still to do a preliminary moisture content by weight, but there is a problem with collecting wild seaweed because the foliage is lower than the lowest water level. It is hoped that the rig can be fully functioning in the College when it reopens in August. Andrew Mackenzie: mainly carrying out admin work with the project and responding to queries etc as they arise. Alasdair Macleod: mainly involved in paperwork that includes exam marking etc</p>			
		<p>Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences Investigating purchase of equipment – will order soon. Doing some work on samples.</p>			
		<p>An Lantair No information available.</p>			
		<p>Arktisk Teknologi Center, Greenland Met with Post Doc hoping to recruit and has been in touch with Industry Partner in Greenland. Harvesting will take place starting 15 June and samples will be shipped to Partners in Sweden, Denmark and Ireland. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the proposed meeting in Greenland in August has been cancelled / postponed.</p>			
		<p>TARI – Faroe seaweed 1st period report finished. Samples almost ready to send to Ireland and Sweden – but should be freeze dried. Will continue with seaweed monitoring and water sampling. Harvesting in the coming week.</p>			
		<p>Údarás na Gaeltachta Attending seaweed meetings/seminars online about policy creation in the EU and scheduled a meeting with Loyd’s Register. Hoping to promote the project and link up with others.</p>			
		<p>NUI Galway University still locked down. Recruitment of Post Doc now scheduled for 1 September – documents with HR. The plan is for the employee to start work on 1 September 2020. Also in discussion with the lab in Australia and hoping to apply for a grant for sequencing <i>Alaria esculenta</i> and <i>palmaria palmata</i>. Hopeful that the lab will reopen by the end of June.</p>			

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		<p>University of Iceland Working on a drying cabinet to dry seaweed – hope to have this in place by the end of the summer. It will be powered by electricity and hot water and the expected outcome will be to be able to measure the energy needed to dry a specific amount of product. Also some questionnaires have been sent out to Associate Partners.</p>				

Next meeting:

Skype Thursday 25 June 2020