

Mull and Iona Community Trust
Express Board Meeting
Torosay Castle on the 14th February 2009

Meeting Started 2.00pm

1. Present: Crawford Morison (CM), Derek Crook (DC), Sandy Brunton (SB), Chris Baker (CB), Christine Gash (CG), Mike Story (MS) and Susie Calderan (SC)

In Attendance: James Hilder (JH)

Apologies: Michelle Cowe (MC), John Mitchell (JM), Graham Brown (GB), Babs Whyte (BW), Maureen Dehaney (MD) and Donald MacLean (DM)

2. Minutes of January 13th – No corrections. Proposed by Chris Baker and Seconded by Christine Gash

3. Financial update

3.1 Management Accounts Progress Report

James gave an update on the current Bank Balances, Creditors and Debtors.

The main Creditors being The Natural Bag Company for the MESS bags, Michael Williams the Carriers and Wylie & Bissett.

Derek has resubmitted his ID for bank purposes.

3.2 Ratification of Expenditure

Board confirmed that the CBRC Working group had delegated powers to appoint a technical team for the Community Business Resource Project.

4. Craignure Business Resource Centre (CBRC)

4.1 Update on Loans, State Aid and Donations

- The Board agreed that they are up to date on the current progress of the project.
- There is a need for Capital project Cash flow to be adequately forecasted.
- It was noted that the recent donations have been included in ring fenced funding for CBRC although can be used as cash flow.
- It was agreed that Fundraising should still continue for CBRC for contingencies.

5. Matters Outstanding

5.1 From Minutes of Jan 13th

- It was noted that the Clan MacLean discussion is still outstanding.
- Most of the matters outstanding relate directly to the individual working groups.

5.2 Mull Renewables Fair 24th February

- The Committee have organised the catering featuring local produce
- £600 in fees is expected from the exhibitor stands.
- The cost of the fair may be shared with the new Powerdown project if funds come through in time..
- Directors are encouraged to attend & to advise Vanessa if you are able to contribute & promote the Community Trust at the Fair. **Action : JH/VM** to organise MICT display stand.

5.3 Feedback from Health Partnership Oban (Vanessa & Donald)

- It was reported that Donald and Vanessa felt the event was not of great use apart from the networking opportunities.
- Thank you to Vanessa and Donald for attending on behalf of the Community Trust.

5.4 Membership Working Group Regrouping

- It was reported that there are logistical difficulties of meeting up due to the location of the parties involved.
- It was noted that there is a definite crossover with the PR/PI group.
- Mike Story has joined the PR/PI group
- The Membership Working Group now consists of Crawford Morison, Derek Crook & Vanessa Moore.

6. Community Council Update

There was no information on Community Council Reform.

It was noted that the Community Trust Update at the January meeting was considered very useful.

There was uncertainty as to whether Graham had attended the February meeting.

7. Correspondence - None

8. Members Forum

There were no members present.

9. AOB

There was discussion of proposed meeting dates and holiday dates with a note being made of the 20th April as an extra day off school. There was a request for a discussion on the website to be in the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.30

The next meeting will be on the 7th March on Iona with times and attendance to be confirmed.