

Mull and Iona Community Trust
Minutes for the 206th Board Meeting
The Argyll Hotel, Iona on Monday 20th April 2015

Meeting Started at 19:40 and was chaired by Sandy Brunton

Present: Sandy Brunton (SB), Neal Goldsmith (NG), Rob MacManaway (RMcM), Chris Baker (CB), Andrew Robertson (AR), Alexa Kershaw (AK) & Carlyne Charrington (CC).

In Attendance: Moray Finch (MF), Laura Percy (LP) and Caroline Wood

Apologies: Babs Whyte (BW) Derek Crook (DC) and Maureen Dehany (MD)

9. Any other Business

9.1. LPG Supply

9.2. Salen Resource Centre

9.3. Community Land Scotland

9.4. Argyll Coast and Communities Trust AGM

2. Approve Minutes of 9th March 2015

- Proposed by Andrew Robertson & Seconded by Rob MacManaway

2.1 Review actions

- LPG Supply – AR discussed this later in the meeting

3. Declarations of Interest

- None

4. Finance Update

4.1 Finance Report

- There was no finance report.

4.2 Membership Number is 281 down from 325 after 44 members were moved to the lapsed list. Around 15 members renewed their memberships in the last few months thanks to Moray sending out personal reminders. All present were asked to help with the lapsed members.

4.3 New Member for this month

- No new members since last meeting.

5. Personnel

5.1 Staff Reviews

- There have been no more staff reviews
- SB suggested that MF discusses with BW management of the appraisals.

5.2 Pension Provision

- A meeting for the staff has been set up on May 13th with Creative Auto Enrolment.
- Under new legislation the Trust cannot give employees pension advice so all staff will have access to a free, independent financial advisor. Our staging date for providing pension provision is now June 2015.
- MF confirmed the previous board agreement to proceed with 6% employers' contribution. NG requested confirmation that if in future there are budgetary constraints, the legislation would allow the Board to reduce the employers' contribution to the statutory minimum. **Action MF**
- The board approved MF's request to implement pension provision with Creative Auto Enrolment, subject to clarification of the above point.

6. Special Items

6.1 Tobermory Youth Hostel, Tobermory Castaways and old Post Office discussion

- CB, CC and AK had a positive visit to the youth hostel recently. The Trust is interested in purchasing the youth hostel in order to keep the community asset running although a lot of work and investment is needed. The work would go through An Roth Trading to support the Trust's core costs. MF asked CB, CC and AK to prepare a summary for him and that he would write to SYHA with a request for a discussion with them. It was decided that the Tobermory Youth Hostel would not be a suitable venue for Island Castaways.
- MF told the group however that the Tobermory Post Office would however be a really good venue for Island Castaways. The board also discussed the possibility of pop up producers shops which could open in the building and help fund the project. MF will investigate further with the vendor and AR has offered to help.

6.2 Request for assistance from Iona Community

- MF referred to a previous email received from Robert Swinfen at the MacLeod Centre. The board approved for MF to investigate the proposal further with RMcM's assistance.

6.3 Approval of NFLS application for Tobermory Light Industrial

- The board approved. CB proposed and AR seconded.

6.4 New Terms of Reference for SMI

- David Pollard has asked for the board's approval for new terms of reference. SB expressed some specific concerns. SB suggested all steering groups have a terms of reference set and any changes are requested and made by the Trust's board. Each group will use the same outline terms but will tailor specific points to their group. An outline template for Terms of Reference is required and the SMI terms should be based on this. **Action MF**

6.5 Review of ACCESS Project

- AR updated the board on the 2 day meeting that was held with CES.

6.6 Mull and Iona Community First Responders, Memorandum of understanding with Scottish Ambulance Service

- RMcM informed MF of a minor correction to the list of defibrillators. SB noted that the charity number needs to be checked. The board approved the memorandum of understanding pending amendments, which NG proposed and AK seconded.

6.7 Mull and Iona Sustainable Transport

- There will be a job advert going into the May Round and About issue for 1.5FTE project officers. AR agreed to join the new steering group now that the energy advice project was finished.

7. **Steering Group Reports – only groups with an update were reported.**

7.1 Ulva Ferry pontoons – facing challenges. There is concern from the funder about objectives and timing. There is no director on that steering group since Simon Thomasson had stepped down. SB said he would be happy to contribute to the steering group via correspondence and Skype.

8. **Discussion Items**

8.1 Review issues list

- Not discussed

9. **Any Other Business**

9.1 LPG Supply

- AR has spoken to Martin Keivers. MF recommended that he also speaks to Cally Fleming.

9.2. Salen Resource Centre

- General consensus and support in the Trust applying for a grant from Land Fund to purchase the Salen Resource Centre as well as an Investing in Ideas grant.

9.3. Community Land Scotland

- MF and Helen MacDonald are going to the conference in May in Inverness, the board all approved.

9.4. Argyll Coast and Communities Trust AGM

- A visitor pay back scheme was discussed as a once in a generation opportunity. MF suggested that someone from the Trust goes and CC agreed to go.

10. **Members Forum**

- None present

Meeting closed at 22:00

The next Board Meeting will be held at An Roth on Monday 11th May 2015

Signed

Name

Date