

Mull and Iona Community Trust
Minutes for the 209th Board Meeting
An Roth Community Enterprise Centre, on Monday 13th July 2015

Meeting Started at 19:30

Present: Sandy Brunton (SB), Caroline Wood (CW), Carolyne Charington (CC), Andrew Robertson (AR), Alexa Kershaw (AK), Rob MacManaway (RM) and Chris Baker (CB).

In Attendance: Moray Finch (MF), Vanessa MacLean (VML) & Laura Percy (LP)

1. Welcome, Apologies and AOB

- Chair, SB welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.
- Apologies were received from Neal Goldsmith (NG), Babs Whyte (BW), Maureen Dehany (MD) and Derek Crook (DC)
- AOB – Electric car (MF), Skilled traders in the Ross and Iona (RM) and Mull and Iona Community Enterprise (AR).

2. Approve Minutes of 11th May 2015

- Matters arising
 1. Sustainability post investigation: the board decided that this will be discussed at the next SMI meeting in September. The board agreed that it is important for us to re-establish recycling projects within our portfolio.
 2. AR updated the group on his LPG investigation, installation costs are upwards of £30k. He spoke to Onich garage in Fort William who were not encouraging about an LPG facility. Awaiting correspondence from Gleaner. AR to carry on investigation. A discussion was had about the environmental impact of LPG and the pros and cons of MICT implementing the supply. It was decided that the usage of LPG as a fuel might be gradually falling out of favour and that electric vehicle usage was increasing. AR said he will carry on investigation into LPG trends, the current market and outlook. To be discussed again at the next meeting. **AP AR**
 3. MF updated the board on the childcare investigation, Sarah and Mairi are keen to progress but working around childcare issues themselves. CW agreed to represent the board on the steering group and SB would like to be kept informed of progress. **AP MF**
 4. MF discussed BBC Scotland Out of Doors and room hire. It was agreed to raise an invoice as agreed with BBC **AP MF/VML**
 5. CB has not yet written the paper for the Youth Hostel proposal.
- Corrections to previous minutes
 1. Change CC and CW to unabbreviated names so that it is clearer.
 2. Change wording of Director's loan part for confidentiality purposes.
- Approval of previous minutes proposed by RM & Seconded by AR

3. Declarations of Interest

- No new declarations of interest to declare.

4. Finance Update

4.1 Finance Report – VML presented the board with the 1st Quarter Financial Report. She reported that the figures are holding steady against the Annual Budget. The MESS project figures are looking up against the Annual Budget by £4.6k. Generally, the picture is good for the start of the year and if the forecast continues, MICT will be in a position again to put aside the allocated reserves for a second year in a row. VML suggested that the Pontoon and Housing projects should be taken into separate lines on the report as they are fully funded capital projects and skew the figures. The board asked about the finances involved with An Roth. A report will be prepared to illustrate the direct costs against income. **AP LP/MF** The board suggested inviting accountants and other mainland based professionals to hire a room at An Roth to save clients going over to Oban. The board also discussed the Bunessan and Tobermory shop's turnover, the board decided to discuss further when MD and DC were present. The board thanks Vanessa for her hard work.

4.2 Membership Number is 302

- New members: Mary Barton, Dervaig, Evelyn Davies, Tobermory. Phil and Sue Lane, Lochbuie. Richard Kellett and Kirsten Bennet, Aros (both 5 year memberships)
- 4.3 Feedback from off island member: A discussion was had about membership fees. Associate member fees will be changed to £5 and a friends option of £100. MF to reply to the MICT member and to research into other organisations membership fees. The board discussed MICT representation at Salen and Bunessan shows this year, CC offered to help at the Salen Show.

5. Personnel

- 5.1 MF and CC completed Jan Dunlop's appraisal.

6. Special Items

6.1 Isle of Mull Ferry Company proposal, attendance at MCC mtg. Discussion

MICT had previously expressed support for further investigation of the proposal by IoMFC Ltd. SB made the point that MICT should only be support a business which is positive and beneficial to the community. AR and CB will try to attend the meeting and prepare a paper for the Board to consider whether MICT should support the project. **AP CB/AR**

6.2 Appointment of pontoon contractor for Ulva Ferry. (MF) Email of 23 June refers

CB proposed and AR seconded. All were in favour of approval.

6.3 Approval of Big Lottery Fund, Growing Community Assets application for Tobermory Light Industrial (MF) email of 25 June refers

Proposed by CW and seconded by RM. All were in favour of approval.

6.4 Feedback on visit to Garmony and meeting with Round and About (CC/CW/MD)

MF/CC/CW gave the board an update on the meeting.

6.5 DTAS Oil Buying Scheme (SB)

SB gave an update on the initiative. Purchasing oil through a coordinated scheme that involves a meter on the storage tank and buying the oil at the best price. The scheme is up and running now, but will be launched at the DTAS conference. This would only be available to MICT members. CC raised a concern about MICT promoting the use of oil despite environmental issues of burning fossil fuels. What about promoting green energy? It was agreed to present a paper at the August Board meeting for a decision prior to the DTAS conference at the end of August. **AP MF**

7. Steering Group Reports

- 7.1 Mull Community Development Plan – meeting on Thursday 16th at 1pm
- 7.2 MESS – already discussed
- 7.3 Ulva Ferry LDO
- 7.4 Ulva Ferry Housing Partnership – currently validating cost estimate, waiting for tenders.
- 7.5 Ulva Ferry pontoon – already discussed
- 7.6 Ranger service
- 7.7 Sea Eagle partnership – eagle hide viewings down this year due to hide being closed for 3 weeks due to harvesting.
- 7.8 Long distance path and viewpoint project – no update
- 7.9 Community broadband – consultation meetings happening on the Ross of Mull and Iona.
- 7.10 SMI – next meeting September
- 7.11 Mull Musical Minds - ongoing
- 7.12 Light Industrial Park Tobermory – already discussed
- 7.13 ACCESS Project – going well, no particular update.

8. Discussion Items – Not discussed

- 8.1 Review issues list

9. Any Other Business

- Electric car discussion – lease expires end of October for electric car. What to do next? MF updated the board on the minor damage to the vehicle. A paper will be presented to the August Board meeting to discuss options for replacing the Nissan Leaf. **AP MF**.
- Mull and Iona Community Enterprise – MF has a meeting arranged for 31st July in Tobermory. **AP MF/SB/AR/BW**
- Skilled Trades – RM asked if MICT can do anything, we need to attract skilled trades people to the south of Mull. Very difficult to get people, especially plumbers. RM to write a short paper, speak to Richard Thorne and Mairi Greig. **AP RM**

10. Members Forum

No members present

Meeting closed at 22:00

The next Board Meeting will be held at An Roth on Monday 10th August.

Signed

Name

Date