

**Mull and Iona Community Trust**  
**Minutes for the 221<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting**  
**An Roth Community Enterprise Centre on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

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**Meeting Started at 19:30**

- **Present:** Sandy Brunton (SB), Derek Crook (DC), Chris Baker (CB), Steve Willis (SW), Andrew Robertson (AR), Maureen Dehany (MD), Carlyne Charington (CC), Alexa Kershaw (AK) and Rob MacManaway (RMcM) joined via teleconference half way through the meeting.
  - **In Attendance:** Moray Finch (MF), Laura Percy (LP)
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**1. Welcome, Apologies and AOB**

- Chair, SB welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
- Apologies were received from: Babs Whyte, Caroline Wood & Jodi MacLeod.
- Any other business:
  - **9.1** – Forestry Commission Scotland Disposals.
  - **9.2** – HIE meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016 with Kirsten Logue.

**2. Correction, Approval & Actions of minutes from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**2.1** Correction of minutes Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

- No Corrections.

**2.2** Approval of previous minutes:

- AR proposed and CB seconded.

**2.3** Actions from minutes:

- Mull and Iona Food Trail van – CC informed the Board that the Mull and Iona Food Trail have decided not to take on the van due to mixed feedback from businesses and the time restraints of the volunteers involved in the group.
- AR informed the Board that he has yet to make contact with Terry Hegarty from ROMICTS re them using the electric vehicles.
- AR offered to join the HR steering group.
- Brexit - DC hasn't written a letter and thought it might be better coming from DTAS. MF still thinks it's important and the Board discussed the merits of making our voice heard regarding the post Brexit situation. MF sent an email to Ian Cooke at DTAS to ask whether they are lobbying the Government on MICT's behalf.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

- No new declarations of interest

**4. Finance**

**4.1 Finance Report**

- There was no finance report circulated this month. MF did not have any concerns about the current financial situation.

**4.2 Membership numbers**

- LP updated the Board on the current membership number which is 305 with no renewals.

**5. Personnel**

**5.1. Staff reviews**

- AR informed the Board that the appraisals are all up to date. Jan Dunlop's is done and VML's is planned.

**5.2 Ratify Compassionate Leave Policy**

- VML circulated the revised and adapted policy which was approved by all of the Board. MD proposed AR seconded.

**5.3 HR Review**

- Ongoing

**5.4 Review of Staff Salaries**

- Ongoing as part of HR policy review – take out of agenda next month.

**5.5 Sustainability meeting**

- MF informed the Board that the August meeting had unfortunately been cancelled due to a schedule clash and it will be rearranged.

**6. Special Items**

**6.1 ERDF Funding for low carbon transport hubs**

- MF briefed the Board – MIST project came across the funding and this was discussed with Sian Scott who submitted an expression of interest to ERDF. MF discussed the opportunity to use the electric vehicles, which is a better option than selling the vehicles. MD

**Actions from  
Board Meeting**

1. MF to approach staff about ERDF Funding bid.
2. MF to find out current Strategy day numbers
3. Publicise FCS Disposals on our Facebook Page MF/LP
4. Reschedule Sustainability meeting MF
5. Submit Expression of Interest to FCS for Ardura and Glen Forsa Forests MF

discussed Mull Musical Minds needing a vehicle. The Board discussed the Ulva Ferry bus. The board agreed that staff time should be paid to those preparing the application. MF to take this forward.

#### **6.2 Approval of funding application to Community Choices Fund**

- Participatory Budgeting. SW proposed and AR seconded. All in agreement.

#### **6.3 Ranger Service Funding**

- MF met with SNH and Jan Dunlop to discuss the funding for the Ranger Service. Current funding runs out in September. Taken at face value it appeared quite hopeful. Decision will be made in early September. Whatever the outcome, there will be another 6 months of funding to end of March 2017. The Board commended Jan Dunlop's hard work in writing the application.

#### **6.4 MICT Strategy Day on 24<sup>th</sup> August**

- MF to email Sandra MacAskill at DTAS and ask for an update on numbers of staff/volunteers/directors who have completed the Survey Monkey Questionnaire which was previously circulated.

#### **6.5 Ulva Ferry Bus**

- The steering group have discussed concerns about the finances of the project and advised that without revenue funding support it would cost MICT around £2k p.a. to support the bus (with no contribution to reserves fund and by using unpaid volunteer drivers). Helen MacDonald is looking into more options for funding which could maintain the paid drivers. Local use is the most important. Discussed MMM using the bus. The board discussed a visitor payback scheme. Potential for financial loss to project from Feb onwards that we would be looking for board support for the project. All of the board were supportive of the project.

### **7. Steering Group Reports**

#### **7.1 Sea Eagle Partnership**

- No update.

#### **7.2 Intergenerational Project, Together Young and Old**

- Not started yet.

#### **7.3 Light Industrial Park Tobermory**

- Progressing.

#### **7.4 Mull Community Development Plan**

- Published. DC congratulated Sian on the strength of the document.

#### **7.5 MESS**

- Hazel Cowe advised the board that the MESS Volunteers have been highly commended for an award. Similar to volunteer of the year. MD attending. DC updated Board on Bunessan progress. Recruit volunteers at Salen Show.

#### **7.6 Ulva Ferry LDO**

- Progressing

#### **7.7 Ulva Ferry Housing Partnership**

- Construction has started!. Water supply in the new bore hole confirmed.

#### **7.8 Ulva Ferry pontoon**

- Boats have been using the pontoon. Electrical wiring now complete. Fuel pump on pontoon.

#### **7.9 Ranger Service**

- Already discussed

#### **7.10 Long distance path and viewpoint project**

- Ongoing

#### **7.11 Mull Musical Minds**

- Tombola prizes have been collected. LP created a leaflet.

#### **7.13 ACCESS Project**

- Going live soon.

### **8. Discussion Items**

#### **8.1 None**

### **9. Any Other Business**

#### **9.1 – Forestry – Ardura and Glenforsa forests.**

- MICT to put in an expression of interest.

#### **9.2 – HIE Meeting**

- CB and SB attending. No particularly burning issues that need to be discussed.

#### **9.3 – Director recruitment** - Board discussed recruitment of board directors particularly from Tobermory.

### **10. Members Forum** - No members present

Meeting closed at 22:00

The next Board Meeting will be held at An Roth on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Signed

Name

Date