

Mull and Iona Community Trust
Minutes for the 229th Board Meeting
Argyll Hotel, Isle of Iona
Monday 8th May 2017

Meeting Started at 14:15

Present: Carolyne Charington (CC), Steve Willis (SW), Derek Crook (DC), Chris Baker (CB), Ian Jones (IJ), Caroline Wood (CW), Sandy Brunton (SB) and Rob McManaway (RMcM)

In Attendance: Moray Finch (MF), Laura Percy (LP), Dot Stewart (DS)

1. Welcome, Apologies and AOB

- SB welcomed everyone to Iona and thanked them for attending the meeting. He thanked RMcM for his hospitality at the Argyll Hotel. The Board welcomed Chris Baker back to the island after being away for 6 months.
- Apologies were received from: Vanessa MacLean, Tom Corbett, Alexa Kershaw, Emma Alecock and Andrew Robertson
- Any other business:
 - 9.1 Potential land acquisition
 - 9.2 Easy fundraising
 - 9.3 Power supply on the Ross of Mull
 - 9.4 Bunesan Shop Rental

2. Approve Minutes – Monday 10th April 2017

2.1 Approval of minutes of Monday 10th April 2017 & review of actions

- There were no corrections to the minutes.
- RMcM proposed and CW seconded.

2.2 Matters Arising

- All items covered on the agenda
- The Board formally approved the EGM Minutes from 10th April 2017 – proposed by SW and seconded by DC.
- CC resigned as Company Secretary but remained as a Director. SB thanked CC for standing in for CB.
- RMcM proposed CB as Company Secretary and SW seconded.
- SB signed the previous minutes.

3. Declarations of Interest

- CC has resigned as a director of Marketing Mull and Iona
- CW, CC & MF no longer part of MILAG which has now ceased to exist.

4. Finance

4.1 No finance report due this month

4.2 Membership numbers

- The current membership number stands at 255.

5. Personnel

5.1 Staff reviews

- Completed staff review for Sian Scott
- Upcoming – Mike Hogan and Anna Hogan
- Dot's 6 month appraisal to be organised

5.2 HR Review including Policy Approvals – Childcare Policies

- The Board approved the childcare policies necessary for the operation of Mini Muileachs and registration with the Care Inspectorate. RMcM approved and DC seconded.

6. Special Items

6.1 General Manager's Report

- MF shared his GM report via email prior to the meeting. The Board didn't have any questions but MF shared some upcoming events that were not on his list:
- MF, DS and SB are attending the Community Land Scotland conference on 30-31st May
- MF and Mairi Greig have a potential trip to see funders in Glasgow regarding Tobermory Light Industrial

**Actions from
Board Meeting**

1. CW suggested development of a system for issuing reminders for annual review of policies and procedures. (CW/VM)

2. LP to send lists of community organisations on Mull and Iona to DC

3. DS to complete registration as Umbrella Organisation with Disclosure Scotland

- Salen and Buessan Shows, Lifeboat day and the Highland Games are coming up and the Board need to decide which events MICT should attend.
- MF encouraged the Board members to keep in regular contact with staff for projects they are steering group members. He highlighted the importance of having 2 way conversations between Directors and staff.
- MF suggested that more directors are needed to share the increasing workload as new projects come to fruition.

6.2 Issues list

- CW suggested development of a system for issuing reminders for annual review of policies and procedures.
- Planning application for the Gantry is in the Argyll and Bute Council system.

6.3 Long Distance Path discussion and decision on how to proceed

- The Board discussed the paper circulated by Sian Scott.
- There is a big risk that the project will not go ahead because funding cannot be secured without landowner consent and this is problematic due to concerns about visual impact.
- It was suggested a public meeting be convened to enable further community engagement and discussion.
- Informal discussion with local families is that the desire for the path first expressed in the Ross of Mull and Iona Community Development Plan remains strong.
- It was noted that the bound surface preferred by the funders will also have a lower maintenance cost – which MICT will be responsible for on completion of construction.
- MF asked the Ross of Mull Directors to attend the public meeting.

6.4 20th Birthday Celebration Update

- DS is taking the lead for this from MF.
- Promote at intergenerational events.
- MF has looked into Photo montage/mosaic – we need a good photo to be the basis.
- Self-financing ceilidh – could work with other organisations also looking to raise money? Several staff have expressed interest in helping to organise the ceilidh

6.5 Becoming a PVG Registered Body

- Useful for the childcare project and community bus drivers. We could then offer the service to other island organisations.
- CB proposed that we register with the system, CW seconded
- MF lead signatory, DS secondary signatory
- Policies – approved by CC and seconded by IJ
- DS will continue with registration

6.6 Invitation to apply for the Social Enterprise World Forum

- MICT have been invited by HIE to apply for a place at the Social Enterprise World Forum
- SB recommended MF speak to James Hilder who previously went on similar study visits abroad.

6.7 Confirmation of Board Approval for office administrator recruitment

- CW proposed, CB seconded.

6.8 Aros Park Walled Garden

- MF provided a background to the idea. Forestry Commission Scotland acquired the walled garden in order to make it available for community use.
- MF has been approached by several residents who are supportive for an allotment scheme to be set up as well as other ideas.
- The Board approved that MF takes it forward. CB and CW would like to be involved on any steering group.

6.9 Proposal for annual meeting with other island based community organisations

- DC suggested we had an annual meeting of island based social enterprises. The Board discussed collaborating with other groups.
- The Board decided it would be better to invite everyone so as to not exclude anyone.
- LP to send lists of community organisations on Mull and Iona to DC and an invitation list would be compiled based on this

6.10 Amendment to Environmental Statement

- The Board discussed DC's proposal to amend the Environmental Statement to state: Mull and Iona Community Trust should take into account the necessity to reduce "supplier miles" when purchasing goods and to this end shall give weight to favouring locally produced goods provided that the producers of such goods are following good environmental practices.
- After a long discussion the Board decided not to amend the policy.

6.11 Update on Review of MICT/ARTL trading activities and VAT

- MF: no progress to report

6.12 Update on application to FCS regarding Ardura Forest

- Forestry report from Tillhill due by May 22.
- MF and several Directors are visiting the site tomorrow.
- MICT have asked Tillhill to base the report on avoiding the use of neo-nicotinoid treated seedlings when replanting.

7. Steering Group Reports

- 7.1 **Childcare Report** – Salary grades approved by email. Proposed by CC seconded by CB. Registration with the Care Inspectorate is in progress. MF gave the board an update on the nursery development. MF will stay involved with land acquisition.
- 7.2 **Lighthouse Path** – latter stages of discussion with contractors.
- 7.3 **Eagle Partnership** – nothing to report
- 7.4 **Intergenerational Project** – events happening today. CW to speak with MF separately about the project.
- 7.5 **Light Industrial Park** – Progressing discussions with HIE for advice on procurement strategy. Application to BLF has been submitted.
- 7.6 **MESS** Offer from council staff at Glengorm landfill site for a storage container that people could leave salvageable items in. Recycling vacancy filled by Sian Scott. Steering group meeting arranged.
- 7.7 **Ulva Ferry Bus** – no update
- 7.8 **Ulva Ferry Housing Partnership** – open invitation for housing open day Friday 19th 4-8pm. Allocations ongoing.
- 7.9 **Ulva Ferry Pontoon** – boats visiting the pontoon, slightly down on expected numbers.
- 7.10 **Ranger Service** – no update. CC to call Jan Dunlop.
- 7.11 **Fionnphort to Creich Hall Path** – covered on agenda
- 7.12 **SMI** – no update, take off agenda.
- 7.13 **ACCESS** – extended for third year.
- 7.14 **Mull and Iona Community Council** – SW gave an update on Tilhill forestry vehicle not being permitted to use the road. SW reported that the local councillor election hustings went well. General Election Hustings have been organised for 25th May at Craignure Village Hall, hoping for a good turnout.
- 7.15 **Iona Community Council** – RMcM updated the Board on the local objection to a housing development on Iona.

8. Discussion Items

- There were no discussion items.

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1 There was a confidential discussion regarding a potential acquisition of land
- 9.3 **Easy fundraising campaign** – DC asked the Boards permission to encourage more staff and directors to use Easyfundraising and promote it. The Board agreed.
- 9.2 **Fionnphort generators** – The Board briefly discussed a suggestion for a renewable energy supply on the Ross of Mull.
- 9.4 **Increase in Bunessan shop rental.** MF gave the background for newer Board members. SB and DC confirmed willingness to further discuss rental charges.

10. Members Forum

No members present

Meeting closed at

**The next Board Meeting will be held at An Roth on Monday 12th June.*

Signed

Name

Date