



Mull and Iona Community Trust
Board Member Recruitment Pack

Introduction.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a board member of Mull and Iona Community Trust, (MICT).

MICT has a vacancy on its Board of Directors and is seeking to appoint a suitable person with the necessary experience, qualifications and expertise who can make a contribution to the charitable work of the Community Trust. Our work is varied and we can guarantee that you will not be bored if you decide to join the Board!

This document gives an overview of Mull and Iona Community Trust and what would be involved in the role of Director.

If you require any further information about the Community Trust or becoming a board member, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01680 812905 or by email:

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Thank you.

Moray Finch
General Manager



Mull and Iona Community Trust

Voluntary Board Member / Company Director

Mull and Iona Community Trust was established in 1997 and is one of the best known development trusts in Scotland.

The Community Trust is a Scottish Charity and a Company Limited by Guarantee.

Currently employing around 25 staff, with 150 active volunteers, three charity shops, a Community Enterprise Centre and a self-storage facility, two energy efficient houses, a pontoon, community transport scheme - the Community Trust has an annual turnover of around £450,000 although this varies every year depending on the volume of capital projects.

The Community Trust acts as an anchor organisation for other smaller community groups and projects around the island and provides constitutional and fund raising advice to individuals and groups. This helps make the most of the local knowledge and experience gained fifteen years of successful operation.

The Community Trust operates from its offices within An Roth Community Enterprise Centre in Craignure.

The stated mission of Mull and Iona Community Trust is “to improve the quality of life of the Residents of Mull and Iona” and this is integral with all the projects which the Community Trust is involved with.

This gives a very wide ranging remit and means that the projects we are running aim to address such issues as economic development, housing, community transport, community development planning, energy conservation and renewable energy generation, recycling and the countryside ranger service.

Interested candidates are invited to apply by sending a C.V. to:
Mull and Iona Community Trust, An Roth Community Enterprise Centre, Craignure, Isle of Mull PA65 6AY.

Mull and Iona Community Trust

How we started.

Mull and Iona Community Trust (MICT), is an independent, membership based, community charity, set up, as a social enterprise by local residents in 1997 to combat rural disadvantage by supporting community initiatives and promoting sustainable development across 310 square miles of remote Inner Hebridean Island

What we do

In addition to managing a number of its own projects, the staff of the Community Trust provides services to the 3,000 inhabitants of the islands including:

- fundraising support
- preparation of constitutions
- project advice to voluntary groups;
- working in partnership with the community and statutory agencies to deliver improvements to services and community facilities;
- supporting the local delivery of training and continuing education,
- management and administrative services to community groups and,
- representing the needs of the communities it serves at local (e.g. Community Planning Partnership) and national level (Scottish Government consultations).

Our Assets

The Board of the Community Trust have recognised the need for a physical asset which can help to generate income and also be used as security for leveraging loan finance for new projects.

With this in mind, the Board authorised a number of projects to expand on the social enterprise activities. These include:

1. An Roth Community Enterprise Centre offers office accommodation for new or expanding businesses, hot desking, plus facilities for training courses & seminars and Treatment rooms.
2. Self-storage facility
3. At the time of writing, Tobermory Light Industrial Park is under construction.

The Community Trust is very proud that An Roth Community Enterprise Centre is now in operation, providing a state of the art base for its operations and also providing a valuable resource for individuals, groups and businesses on the island.

The self-storage facility is now operating successfully and generating an income for the Community Trust as well as providing a much needed service for residents.

Tobermory Light Industrial Park will provide additional income for the Community Trust and will significantly boost business capacity in North Mull.

Governance/Legal Status

- A Company Limited by Guarantee without share capital registered in Scotland Reg No. SC172897
- A charity registered in Scotland, Charity Number SC025995

- A Board of up to 19 Directors, 14 appointed from the membership and 2 representing the community councils of Mull and Iona

Role and Remit of the Board

The Board is MICT's governing body, responsible for the direction and control of the Trust.

The Board must ensure that the Community Trust acts in accordance with its Articles of Association.

Within this context, the Board has full responsibility for overseeing the Trust's work. Its specific responsibilities will include:

- Strategic direction and supervision of the management of the Community Trust,
- Development and implementation of annual Business Plans and annual budgets
- Approval of operational policies relating to the business of the Trust
- Monitoring of performance
- Approval of the Community Trust's annual accounts
- Consideration of action in response to auditors or regulatory reports
- Promoting the work of the Community Trust and recruitment of new members
- Participation in sub-groups for projects as required
- Responding to email correspondence, telephone calls from staff as required
- Participation in meetings, telephone conferences and other events as required

Meetings of the Board

Meetings are held monthly on the second Monday of the month, in the Alice Lambert Suite of An Roth Community Enterprise Centre starting at 7.30pm.

Appointment of Directors to the Board

In line with the Articles of Association, Directors are appointed to the Board at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is held in November. Directors can be co-opted to the Board in prior to the AGM but must then be appointed at the AGM.

Code of Conduct

The Mull and Iona Community Trust's Code of Conduct is required to be signed by all Directors.

Register of Declarations of Interests

Directors of Mull and Iona Community Trust will be required to declare all relevant interests in order that any conflicts of interest are managed in an open, transparent and accountable manner.

Remuneration

Directors of Mull and Iona Community Trust do not receive any remuneration other than reasonable out of pocket expenses.