

**Mull and Iona Community Trust**  
**Minutes for the 241<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting**  
**By teleconference**  
**Wednesday 20 December 2017**

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**Meeting Started at 19:00**

**Present:** Sandy Brunton (SB) – Chair, Chris Baker (CB), Rob MacManaway (RM), Andrew Robertson (AR), Ian Jones (IJ), Derek Crook (DC), Alex Stevens (AS), Alexa Kershaw (AK), Emma Alecock (EA),

**Apologies:** Steve Ohlsen (SO), Caroline Wood (CW), Tom Corbett (TC), Gemma Paterson (GP)

**In Attendance:** Moray Finch (MF), Dot Stewart (DS)

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1. The meeting was convened to discuss the Ulva Buyout,
  2. MF opened the discussion with a summary of the meeting which took place with the Ulva Buyout Committee (UBC) in Dervaig Church Hall at 1000 on Wednesday 19 December. In summary, the UBC did not accept the position of the MICT Board that MICT should be impartial during the ballot period. The view they expressed was that MICT should explain to commenting members or resident that NWMCWC have applied for the CRTB Ulva and the area of their membership is restricted to post-code in NW Mull. The UBC had suggested that maybe a shorter statement of support could be considered and this had been sent to AR for MICT to consider.
  3. AR read out and shared by email the message sent by the Chair of NWMCWC earlier in the day. The wording sent reads: ***MICT supports the community buyout of Ulva and looks forward to discussions with NWMCWC about involvement as plans for the island develop.***
  4. The Board discussed the position at great length. It was noted that MICT had previously given support to other locally based groups in pursuit of land ownership. Some board members did not wish to change position in response to pressure. It was noted that the UBC had shown flexibility by suggesting a shorter statement.
  5. Eventually, and in the absence of a consensus, it was decided to vote on the question of whether to accept the latest statement or not. Of those present on the call, 7 were in favour and 2 against.
  6. It was agreed that SB would contact the MICT Board members not able to take part in the conference call to inform them of the decision taken.
  7. It was agreed that SB would contact NWMCWC to confirm the decision with a request that it be kept confidential until the absent MICT board members had been notified.
  8. Once all absent MICT board have been notified, it was agreed MF would issue a post on Social Media with the statement.
  9. SB thanked all those taking part in the call for their time and support.
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*Meeting closed at 20.30pm*

*\*The next Board Meeting will be held at An Roth on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm.*

**Signed**

**Name**

**Date**

**Actions from  
Board Meeting**

1. SB to contact absent board members to advise decision
2. SB to send message to NWMCWC
3. MF to issue statement on social media