

Mull and Iona Community Trust
Minutes for the 259th Board Meeting
An Roth, Craignure - Monday 12th August 2019

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Present: Sandy Brunton (SB), Derek Crook (DC), Hayley Gray (HG), Ian Jones (IJ), Gemma Paterson (GP), Liz Peel (LP), Rob MacManaway (RM)

Apologies: Chris Baker (CB), Josh Liddle, Caroline Wood, Barry Whenman – BW and CW wished it noted that they had read all papers.

In Attendance: Moray Finch (MF), Mairi Greig (MG), Pamela Venters (PV)

1. Welcome, Apologies and AOB

- SB welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were as noted above.
- CB not in attendance as due to personal circumstances he has resigned from the board. SB thanked Chris for all his work and support for the Trust since incorporation in 1997.
- AOB: Email re planning application, Conference re Bottle return scheme, TSI re attendance at next social enterprise event in Inveraray.

2. Approve Previous Minutes of 8th August 2019

Corrections made - Proposed by RM and seconded by HG.

2.1 Review actions from previous minutes

- i. Prepare finance report for August board meeting - PV on agenda
- ii. Check if directors can have access to basic membership details without compromising GDPR regs. – MG c/f
- iii. Date for next strategy meeting to be diarised – MF – complete
- iv. Welcome message to new members – JM - complete
- v. Investigate Gantry Storage land valuation deadline – to be discussed September meeting.
- vi. Investigate whether director loans should be noted on the director's registered interest document – MF completed, as long as these are minuted, a declaration of interest is not required.
- vii. Prepare list of policy review dates – MG – c/f

2.2 Matters Arising from previous minutes

Nothing further.

3. Declarations of Interest

- MF removing director of Gigaplus Argyll, as company no longer exists.
- GP – changes noted.
- CB removed from list.

4. Finance

4.1 Finance Report –

- PV provided finance reports before the meeting, including current loan report, and restricted/unrestricted funds report for each project/department heading.
- Discussed streamlining bank accounts and moving funds to make the most of interest available.
- Budget – SAGE budgeting facility for year to date projects similar picture to that presented to the board in February
- Should some projects be included in core rather than showing some of the projects separately?

4.2 Membership numbers

- Nothing to report.

4.3 Finance Standing Committee Report

- Covered in item 4.1

5. HR and Policies

5.1 Staff Reviews - Update

One staff member has an upcoming appraisal.

HR Standing Committee changed to 23rd in afternoon – MG send email

5.2 Confidential Item

Confidential staff matter discussed.

6. Strategy

6.1 Strategy Standing Committee Report

- Next meeting set for Monday 26th August

Actions from Board Meeting

1. Prepare finance report for next board meeting - PV
2. Check if directors can have access to basic membership details without compromising GDPR regs. - MG
3. Investigate Gantry Storage land valuation deadline – MF
4. Prepare list of policy review dates – MG
5. Change HR meeting date to 23rd August – MG
6. Craignure Pier - look into recovering any direct costs -MF.
7. Potential New Housing Project -response to be sent to community member – MF
8. Planning application, letter of support to be reworded and forwarded – MF.
9. Deposit Return Scheme Conference – 3 places to be reserved – HC.
10. TSI Social Enterprise event, Inveraray – details to be send round – MF.

- Survey to check if the needs/issues raised in Community Development Plan are still relevant, with a view to encouraging membership and public engagement
- Strategy Documents – discussed at most recent meeting and agreed to include where current and past projects/initiatives came from.

7. Special Items

7.1 Recurring Actions List

Ulva Ferry pontoon lease payment due to Crown Estate in September.

7.2 GM and DGM Reports

- The GM and DGMs' report was provided beforehand and questions addressed.
- Councillors Childcare letter in Oban Times – Most of our complaint re letter upheld. No apology received despite inaccuracies within the Councillors letter. Meeting with Anne Paterson on 26th August.

7.3 Craignure Pier – As an existing Community Body, MICT could be the organisation that carries out the initial investigation and community ballot. Question raised re time required by MICT staff, and how this would affect other work priorities. Agreed to pursue on behalf of other organisations. MF to look into recovering any direct costs.

7.4 Potential new housing project – housing plot soon to be available to purchase, included within the Local Development Plan, which if developed as social housing, could attract more families to the area to support the local school. Current round of Rural Housing Fund, transactions to be complete by March 2021. An extension of the RHF would be required to give a realistic timescale. Therefore agreed that it is not feasible at this stage. MF to send response.

8. Steering Group Reports

➤ Steering Group reports were provided prior to the meeting and were acknowledged, and only new questions noted. Verbal reports were given on all other projects with points highlighted below.

8.1. Ardura (MF)

8.2. ReThink MESS (EB)

8.3. Childcare project (MG/MF)

8.4. Eagle partnership (MF/JD)

8.5. Intergenerational Project, Together Young and Old (MG)

8.6. Light Industrial Park Tobermory (MG)

8.7. MESS (HC)

Revolve Accreditation report received for Island Castaways Craignure, achieving an excellent score of 97.4%. Congratulations extended to Hazel and team.

8.8. Ulva Ferry Housing (HMCD)

8.9. Ulva Ferry pontoon (CF)

8.10. Ulva Ferry Community Transport (MF/JM)

8.11. Ranger Service (JD & EW)

8.12. Seasonal Workers Accommodation (RT/BW)

8.13. Community Resilience Officer (RT)

8.14. Mull & Iona Community Councils (JL & RMcM)

9 Discussion items

➤ There were no discussion items

10 Any Other Business

- Support for planning application in Ulva Ferry area – agreed to support planning application with a slight rewording on support letter – MF.
- Deposit Return Scheme – conference coming up at the end of October regarding this scheme. Places will need to be paid for, offering buy two, get one place free. Associated travel costs to Edinburgh will also need to be covered. Discussed and agreed that 3 places should be reserved – HC.
- TSI – Wed 21st August in Inveraray – 10.30am -3.30pm. Details to be sent round - MF

Meeting closed at 10pm

The next scheduled board meeting will be held at An Roth Community Enterprise Centre, Monday 9th September 2019 at 1930.

Signed

Name

Date
