

Mull and Iona Community Trust
Minutes for the 283rd Board Meeting
Via Zoom - Monday 11th October 2021

Meeting started at 7.30 pm

By Zoom: Sandy Brunton (SB), Rob MacManaway (RM) Barry Whenman (BW), Jane Griffiths (JG), John Innes (JI), Derek Crook (DCr), Robert Cameron (RC), Gary Wiltshire (GW), Ian Jones (IJ), Sue Hawkes (SH)

Apologies: David James Currie (DJC), Heather Waller (HW), John Maughan (JM) may join later, Mairi Greig (MG) and Pamela Venters (PV).

In Attendance: Moray Finch (MF).

1. Welcome, Apologies and AOB

SB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

No other business notified.

2. Approve Minutes – Monday 13th September 2021

No corrections or additions. RC proposed and BW seconded.

2.1 Review actions from previous minutes

Item 1; See Project Reports.

Item 2; SB has forwarded links to everyone.

Item 3; See General Manager's Report.

No other matters arising.

3. Declarations of Interest and Register of Related Parties

SB reminded everyone for any changes to be sent to MF.

4. Finance

4.1 Standing Committee Report

MF confirmed that the Committee met on 5th October, with the recommendation by the Committee for approval of the Annual Accounts for 2020/21 prepared by Wylie and Bisset. Wylie and Bisset are recommending the inclusion of an additional paragraph regarding a contingent liability (not reviewed by the Finance SC). The board were all in favour of the Committee's recommendation to approve the accounts. IJ proposed and RM seconded.

Following a tender process, it was recommended by the Finance SC to stay with Wylie & Bisset as accountants and auditors. No questions. IJ proposed and GW seconded.

Re the contingent liability noted in the 2020/21 accounts - JI asked that it be noted that MICT should robustly defend their position regarding the issue noted. All present agreed with this position.

4.2 Finance Reporting

No Report this month.

4.3 Membership Numbers and Donations

Carried forward to next meeting.

5. HR and Policies

5.1 Staff Reviews – Update

See Deputy General Manager's Report below.

5.2 Policy Reviews

Smoke free workplace to be reviewed; no questions raised. SH proposed and RM seconded.

6. Strategy

6.1 Strategy Standing Committee

GW confirmed following a recent meeting proposing how to progress having the Strategy document ready to present to the AGM; a draft has been prepared by Dawn Reade (previously a graphic artist) with final amendments being made this week prior to re-circulating to the Committee.

Actions from Board Meeting

1. GW to finalise Strategy document in readiness for AGM.
2. Aros Park Historic Walled Garden; further discussions required.
3. MF/HMD - House Purchase with Rural Housing Burden proposal. Housing Steering Group to meet to discuss further,
4. Pennyghael School House steering group to meet - HMD.
5. MF to progress admin for November AGM.

7.0 Special Items

7.1 Recurring Actions List

Nothing to report this month.

7.2 General Manager's Report

MF confirmed he is now spending more time on housing related projects.

Appeal for accommodation for Graduate Data Researcher has returned some possible options.

Deputy General Manager's Report

SB and IJ offered to assist on interview panel for Admin/Finance Support role.

7.3 Fund Raising Officer's Report

GW confirmed that the draft Development Plan has now been circulated to MF and MG prior to discussion with the board. SB reiterated how hard Sian Scott is working on behalf of MICT.

7.4 Due Diligence for Donations Policy

GW confirmed this is the second version of the draft and went on to explain the two elements of the document in terms of policy and practice. Following GW responding to questions raised, all approved this Policy.

7.5 Approval of Crown Estate Application

MF confirmed this is for a Housing Development Manager. IJ proposed and GW seconded.

7.6 Approval of Healthy Islands Grant Application

SB confirmed this is for a contribution towards Wellbeing Project at Ardura. RM proposed and IJ seconded.

7.7 Approval of CARES Net Zero Community Buildings application

SB confirmed this is for solar panels for the some of the containers at Nonhebel Park. JG proposed and IJ seconded.

7.8 House Purchase with Rural Housing Burden proposal

MF summarised the information paper which Helen had prepared in advance of the meeting. General discussion followed with queries responded to by SB and MF. Due to the complex nature of the Rural Housing Burden, MF suggested no commitment is made yet without full board support. SH suggested the Housing Steering Group meet to discuss further in the first instance – MF/HMD to arrange.

Request for Pennyghael Schoolhouse to have a steering group meeting – HMD to arrange.

7.9 AGM Arrangements

It was agreed by the board for the AGM to be held by Zoom only in the evening. DCr proposed and IJ seconded. MF to progress admin, adverts and paperwork for this.

7.10 Approval of response to Islands Bond Consultation

Helen has prepared a proposed response which was circulated prior to the meeting. After some discussion, MF will forward a summary to Helen to include that the funding should not be given to individuals, but used for shared equity sales, rural housing burdens or given through community anchor organisations to help ensure the longevity of the Islands Bond impact.

7.11 Approval of Rural Communities Ideas Into Action application (Key Workers Accom Feasibility)

RC proposed and RM seconded.

8.0 Steering Group Reports submitted in advance, discussed as noted below;

8.1 Ardura

MF confirmed Forestry and Land Scotlands' Ishriff Forest block is about to go back on the market for sale. A brief discussion followed regarding the processes and viability of this land as a possible future purchase.

8.2 Community Wellbeing

No questions raised.

8.3 Childcare project

No questions raised.

8.4 Nonhebel Park, Tobermory (MG)

No questions raised.

8.5 MESS (HC)

No questions raised.

8.6 Ulva Ferry Housing (HMCD)

No questions raised.

8.7 Ulva Ferry pontoon and shore facilities (CF)

No questions raised.

8.8 Ulva Ferry Community Transport (MF/JM)

No questions raised.

8.9 Ranger Service & Eagle Partnership (JD & EW)

No questions raised.

8.10 Friends of Calgary Bay (MF/JD)

No questions raised.

8.12 Mull Community Council, Iona Community Council Reports

No meeting this month, although discussions being held regarding the high school, and Fionnphort and Iona piers and breakwaters.

9.0 Discussion items

No other items.

10.0 Any other business

No other business.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

The next scheduled board meeting will be Monday 13th December 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

Signed

Name **Sandy Brunton**

Date
