

**Mull and Iona Community Trust**  
**Minutes for the 282<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting**  
**Via Zoom - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 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), David James Currie (DJC), Heather Waller (HW), Gary Wiltshire (GW), Ian Jones (IJ), Sue Hawkes (SH)

**Apologies:** John Maughan (JM) joined the meeting at 9.00 pm.

**In Attendance:** Moray Finch (MF), Mairi Greig (MG), Pamela Venters (PV), Helen McWalter (HM)

**1. Welcome, Apologies and AOB**

SB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

No other business.

**2. Approve Minutes – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

No corrections or additions. RM proposed and JI seconded.

**2.1 Review actions from previous minutes**

Item 1; Care Home Survey - on MF's Report.

Item 2; Due Diligence & Donations Policy - on Agenda.

Item 3; Newsletter issues with additional information re fundraising for MICT.

Item 4; Strategy Document - on Agenda.

Item 5; Wood Mizer - on Agenda.

Item 6: Gas/coombed ceiling insulation – DC, carried forward

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**

Nothing of note to report, but MF confirmed everything was in hand for the annual accounts and year end audit with only a small amount of outstanding queries and compliments from the auditors on the content and presentation of the accounts within the expected timescale. Many thanks were passed on to PV and MG from the board.

MG confirmed there were 6 companies invited to tender for auditing accounts, with 3 responses.

**4.2 Finance Reporting**

PV explained that we have now gone back to a budget v actuals report, rather than more cashflow focussed which took over due to C-19. This information comes straight from sage and gives a good overview of progress against each budget/department heading.

**4.3 Membership Numbers and Donations**

Four new members approved. Ongoing donations received for Calgary Bay and Paypal Just Giving. GW and Sian Scott are meeting weekly to discuss ways to improve regular fundraising.

**5. HR and Policies**

**5.1 Staff Reviews – Update**

See Deputy General Manager's Report below.

**5.2 Policy Reviews**

No Policy reviews this month.

**6. Strategy**

**6.1 Strategy Standing Committee**

SB complimented GW on the outstanding work on the Strategy document. He went on to explain the reasons behind the development of this document and how this could be of help in the future, how this can be reported to the board on a monthly basis, together with responding to questions by the board.

MF and GW to meet to discuss further, w/c 20.9.21.

**Actions from Board Meeting**

1. GW to finalise and circulate draft Strategy document. MF/GW to meet w/c 20.09.21
2. Climate change hub/group; SB to arrange an informal discussion with JI, DCr and RC.
3. Aros Park Historic Walled Garden; further discussions required.

## **7.0 Special Items**

### **7.1 Recurring Actions List**

Item 13; Septic tank has now been emptied at Ulva Ferry, phase 1 houses.

### **7.2 General Manager's Report**

SB thanked MF for his involvement in increasing the public defibrillators on Mull to 28.

MF responded to questions raised by JI regarding the Ulva Ferry fuel management system and the car park; nothing to report from Visit Scotland and he confirmed charges are correct and costs are being carefully monitored regarding the fuel management system.

MF spoke about Ulva Ferry Community Transport and is looking for a Director to volunteer to be on the steering group. SH has offered to assist on the recruitment panel for more bus drivers.

### **Deputy General Manager's Report**

MG/SB thanked BW for the Rangers video, with 50 supporters and on its way to raise the targeted funds.

DCr raised the possibility of a site manager at Nonhebel Park. MG explained that this would be included in a new facilities manager role which would include houses, An Roth, pontoon etc which is already being discussed. CCTV monitoring, also to be looked into.

MG confirmed they are looking into further locations for out of school care, but are currently restricted due to lack of playworkers.

There was a brief discussion regarding MICT providing/facilitating a climate change hub/group, with JI, DCr and RC joining SB for a discussion to be arranged.

A&BTSI – delivering trustee/director training through our agency agreement.

### **7.3 Fund Raising Officer's Report**

SB commented that there has been an award for Ardura Well Being project from EB Scotland (Scottish Landfill Tax fund) and thanks were passed onto Sian Scott for her efforts.

*JM joined the meeting*

### **7.4 Request for MICT to consider supermarket**

Request through JM if MICT would consider setting up a community supermarket. A discussion followed with everyone present agreeing this is not something for MICT to get involved in.

### **7.5 Due Diligence for Donations Policy**

To be looked at next month.

### **7.6 Approval of Plugged-in Communities Application**

RM proposed and JI seconded.

### **7.7 Approval of Graduate Support Programme**

GW proposed and RC seconded.

### **7.8 Approval for long term rental properties appeal, land owners letter and empty homes appeal**

HW proposed and RM seconded.

### **7.9 Mull Rally – scrutineering proposal**

MG confirmed she had consulted with tenants at Nonhebel Park and are all in favour of Nonhebel Park being used instead of the Distillery site, which isn't available this year. She also confirmed that the Rally's Insurance would cover any eventualities together with a contribution from the Rally.

All agreed worthwhile. JI proposed and DCr seconded.

### **7.10 Approval of Screwfix application**

RC proposed and HW seconded.

### **7.11 Request for Support from Aros Park Historic Walled Garden**

MF confirmed that we have previously provided support when they set up through our capacity building officer. SB suggested further conversations take place within MICT and with APHWG.

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

### **8.1 Ardura**

No questions raised.

### **8.2 Community Wellbeing**

No questions raised.

### **8.3 Childcare project**

No questions raised.

### **8.4 Nonhebel Park, Tobermory (MG)**

SB confirmed there is only one outside lock up compound available with a waiting list for further units/containers.

### **8.5 MESS (HC)**

No questions raised.

**8.6 Pennyghael School House**

No questions raised.

**8.7 Ulva Ferry Housing (HMCD)**

No questions raised.

**8.8 Ulva Ferry pontoon and shore facilities (CF)**

No questions raised.

**8.9 Ulva Ferry Community Transport (MF/JM)**

No questions raised.

**8.10 Ranger Service & Eagle Partnership (JD & EW)**

No questions raised.

**8.11 Friends of Calgary Bay (MF/JD)**

No questions raised.

**8.12 Mull Community Council, Iona Community Council Reports**

SH pointed out that certain parts of the South of Mull will not be getting fibre optic broadband. RC is already speaking to others regarding this so that nobody is left out.

**9.0 Discussion items**

**10.0 Any other business**

No other business.

*Meeting closed at 9.30pm*

*The next scheduled board meeting will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.30 pm at An Roth and via Zoom.*

**Signed**

**Name**         **Sandy Brunton**

**Date**

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