

Mull and Iona Community Trust
Minutes for the 290th Board Meeting
Via Zoom - Monday 13th June 2022

Meeting started at 7.30 pm

By Zoom: Rob MacManaway (RM), Robert Cameron (RC), Heather Waller (HW), and Sue Hawkes (SH)

Apologies: Pamela Venters (PV)

In Attendance: Sandy Brunton (SB), and Jane Griffiths (JG), John Maughan (JM), David James Currie (DJC), Derek Crook (DCr), Barry Whenman (BW), John Innes (JI), Moray Finch (MF), Mairi Greig (MG)

1. Welcome, Apologies and AOB

SB welcomed and thanked all involved for the Volunteer of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award he received.

It was noted that this is the first in-person meeting in over two years.

Meeting will end at 21:45 to allow extra time for Steering Committee reports.

Approve Minutes – Monday 11th April 2022

2.1 Approval of previous minutes

No corrections or changes noted. JI approved; JG seconded.

2.2 Review actions from previous minutes

Item 1; Agreed to be ongoing, and not included as an action.

Item 2; Draft job description completed, to be discussed Monday 20/06/22.

Item 3; Completed.

Item 4; Group has met, and there is a paper to discuss tonight.

Item 5; Donations policy has been added to the website.

2.3 Approve minutes, Interim Board meeting – Monday 30 May 2022

BW approved; JM seconded.

3. Declarations of Interest and Register of Related Parties

SB reminded everyone that declarations of interest are attached to the agenda and if anyone has any change in circumstance to please let SB know.

4. Finance

4.1 Standing Committee Report (SB, RM, JI, MF, PV, MG)

There is no report this month.

4.2 Finance Reporting

Nothing to report.

SB noted that the Funding Platform shows interest earned to date, which is a huge bonus as this wouldn't have been noted before.

4.3 Membership numbers and donations

There has been one new Ordinary member since last meeting.

5.0 HR and Policies

5.1 Staff Reviews – on DGM report

Staff reviews are on track.

5.2 Policy Reviews

No policies to review this month.

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7.0 Special Items

7.1 Recurring Actions List

It was suggested that this action list be included in one of the reports, either GM's report or DGM's report, to save discussion time for the Board. This item will be removed from agendas going forward. Nothing outstanding to report. Legionnaire's Disease Risk Assessment for Ulva Ferry houses to be carried out, MF to remind Housing Officer.

7.2 General Manager's Report

Number 4: Waterfall fund applications to Fuel Hardship Fund have slowed down, which is surprising. SH noted that these applications will come back in the autumn, but for now they have dried up. SH noted that The Waterfall Fund Trustees will be reviewing how to publicise this grant and also approaching Green Energy Mull about expanding the funding available for grants, particularly for fuel grants.

Number 9: SB asked about policy relating Nursing and Care Home facilities being provided, rather than home care. Is it worth getting clarification of the policy so that we can campaign (or not) for a Nursing Home based on fact. Approach policy lead for Health and Social Care at Council to highlight that in the Craignure Development Masterplan there is a space for a care home and would they support it i.e. funding. MF would need help and/or support to take this forward. MF to work with JM and RM to put together a message to Mull and Iona Community Councils to broach whether they can support this idea/project, and take onward to elected councillors.

Item 15: AMAZE project update (Archipelago of Mull Actions for Zero Emissions project). The funding agreement is not yet in place yet and nothing substantive has been done. MF attempting to get the funding agreements in place. JG and JI agreed to be a part of the steering committee for this project.

MG asked about HMIE inspection of Tobermory HS. MF was invited to participate as GM of MICT.

Number 25: Strategic Development manager. There is a draft job description, and the steering committee is meeting to discuss it soon.

JG asked for clarification about the take away coffee hut at Ulva Ferry and nature of objections raised.

Deputy General Manager's Report

SB thanked MG for preparing the minutes from the Interim Board Meeting.

Feedback has been received for RCGF stage 1 application from council. Also made aware of an application by another organisation in Tobermory area. MF said he hoped that the applications will both be considered on their own merit as they are in completely different locations and for different/complementary purposes. The revised draft has been submitted.

Potential nursery – approached by business in Tobermory area that may be able to help provide a building for a nursery.

7.3 Fundraising Officer's Report

No report this month.

7.4 Proposed amendment to Articles of Association

MF summarised what this entails: so that any Community Right to Buy (CRtB) requests can proceed in a timely manner, the Articles of Association need to change to secure a Compliance Letter. This would put MICT in a position to submit a CRtB. Essentially, this means that if MICT wants to proceed if a suitable situation arises, these changes will allow MICT to proceed. Timing of the EGM was discussed. All agreed that an earlier EGM would be best. It was decided to combine the EGM with the August Board meeting to ensure that the board would meet the Quorum requirement.

SB brought up timing of in-person vs. Zoom Board meetings as it relates to the EGM. Agreed to discuss in AOB.

DJC proposed resolution for the EGM, BW seconded, all agreed.

7.5 Director recruitment discussion

We have been approached by an elected councillor about joining our Board, who previously enquired before being elected. This would help put MICT's activities firmly in the sights of the council. Discussion followed, agreed to proceed with recruitment. JI proposed co-option of such a councillor, RM seconded, all in favour.

MF spoke with a former director about possibly re-joining the Board. There were several points discussed, such as lift-sharing, zoom meetings vs. in-person meetings, travel expenses reimbursements, MICT email addresses for Directors. All agreed that these ideas would be reasonable. Consideration of how board meetings are structured to maximise time for substantive topics. Steps have been taken to remedy this concern.

7.6 Approval of RCGF Stage 1 application (NP expansion)

JI proposed; JM seconded.

7.7 Approval of SSF Heart of the community grant offer (UFCT)

Grant of £3000. JG raised concern over the conditions, as no other donors are listed on the site and other PR materials. MF pointed out that their logo is on the UFCT bus and doesn't think that they require any more than that. MF to seek clarification.

7.8 Approval of grant award from Rewilding Britain for Ardura management plan

£15,000 grant. JM brought up scepticism regarding rewilding when it seems to be greenwashing/carbon offsetting rather than genuine rewilding. MF agreed that these concerns are genuine. Rewilding Britain, however, has excellent credentials.

HW left the meeting.

JI proposed acceptance of the grant; DCr seconded. All agreed.

7.9 Approval of grant offer/agreement with A&BC to deliver Summer Activities 2022

£4,000 grant for the Summer from the council. SH proposed, RM seconded.

7.10 Craignure housing development (MF)

MF asked to convene a short life working group to engage further with TSL and suggested that the Housing Group double as the SLWG. All agreed. MF to convene a meeting with Housing Officer HMcd and housing group within the next week or two.

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

8.1 Ardura (MF)

No questions raised.

8.2 Ardura Community Wellbeing Project (RF)

No report this month.

8.3 Childcare/Out of School Care project (JW)

MG reported that playworkers are being recruited now.

8.4 Nonhebel Park, Tobermory (MG)

RCGF grant has already been discussed.

Signage from KFT printers still to come.

8.5 MESS (HC)

SB noted that MESS figures are looking very good; Tobermory is doing very well. Good job to the MESS team!

8.6 Housing (HMCD)

SB noted that discussion is needed to explore stretching participation in steering groups beyond Board Members and even MICT members. Hannah Fisher has been invited to be more active in the Housing Steering Group.

8.7 Ulva Ferry pontoon and shore facilities (CF)

Additional request for a portable craft shop. MF has had a request for a similar facility (coffee take away). One concern is capacity of the Car Park, and how many other facilities it could or should we support. Discussion followed including the need for a street traders licence. MF will ask for more details from the potential applicant.

8.8 Ulva Ferry Community Transport (MF/JM)

The new bus is on its way, but it will take some time to get here due to delays.

8.9 Ranger Service including Eagle Partnership & Friends of Calgary Bay (JD & EW)

No questions raised.

8.10 Data Research (HW)

No questions raised.

8.11 Mull Community Council, Iona Community Council Reports (JM & RM)

No questions raised. No Mull CC report, but it is available online to view. JM will forward minutes when they are available.

RM discussed points from Iona CC.

9.0 Discussion items

10.0 Any other business

SB asked if everyone is content with the next meeting be by Zoom, and the following one in August be in person hybrid with the EGM at the beginning. All agreed.

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm

The next scheduled board meeting will be Monday 11th July 2022 at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

Signed

Name **Sandy Brunton**

Date
