



CCDC Board Meeting
Thursday 27th August 2020

Board members present (Zoom) Dannie Onn, Andrew Abrahams, Willie Joll, Caitlin McNeill, Sue Dance

Staff members present: Caroline Seymour, Cecilia Bleasdale, Lizzie Keenaghan

Apologies: Liam McNeill

Declarations of interest: Lizzie Keenaghan – Port Mor Crofts

The minutes of the last meeting were signed off.

1. Project Updates

a. Scalasaig Development

The Project Report was ran through to update the board (See Project Update Report for full details)

HIE have suggested that we start up our crowdfunding page asap. CM agreed to investigate how we progress this.

b. Baptist Manse

The SLF and Common Good Fund money is in the CCDC bank account ready for when transfer of funds is required.

An update on the conveyancing was not available as LK has been unable to get in touch with our solicitor.

A report for the different possible uses is in progress – suggestion that this is presented at the AGM.

c. Moorings

The public notification period for the license ended on 21st Aug. Marine Scotland to confirm whether the license has been granted.

Colonsay Estate have been contacted regarding the path route for confirmation on where it lies and to ask for a contribution for repairs to the existing sections of path.

d. Supporting Communities Fund

The fund finishes at the end of September. LK will produce a final report in mid October.

e. Ridan Composter

The plan was to move the composter on Saturday to be sited below WJ's house, however, Colonsay Estate have put up a sign at the start of the track to say "no cars beyond this sign". WJ to speak to Alex Howard to see if the composter can be sited at the beginning of the track instead.

2. Asset Management

CB has drafted a report to show how CCDC may be structured in the future to enable better management of assets, especially as there will likely be significantly more assets in the future.

There was a discussion as to whether introducing new staffing will increase beaurocracy and reduce efficiency, it was proposed that it should actually greatly improve these areas. The report is still in draft and will require further work.

3. Crofting (LK left the meeting)

Jan Binnie has handed over all ongoing crofting matters to CM. CM has tried to get in touch with our contact at the Crofting Commission but they are on holiday until the end of August.

CM has created a log of all crofting matters / issues.

There was a discussion regarding servitude rights to the crofts.

Access issues have been discussed with Argyll & Bute's Access Officer, Jolyon Gritten. WJ has been assured by the track owner that access for emergency services to the crofts is guaranteed.

CM and DO to hold separate meeting to discuss these issues further.

CM will take on the requests from crofters for reasonable assistance with related issues.

4. Port Mor Housing - Confidential

There was a discussion held regarding the WHHA Port Mor Housing.

5. AGM

The hall is due to re-open following lifting of Covid-19 restrictions on 14th September. Agreed to hold the meeting on Saturday 3rd October.

People to apply to be a director up to a week before the meeting. This will close on 24th Sept. CM to arrange the details.

6. Finances

Electronic banking has now been set up so staff and invoices can now be paid by BACs.

7. Staffing

Welcome to Lizzie who is covering Roz's maternity leave. CM is now to take over as staffing director, however DO will continue to work on resolving the outstanding issue with Service Point staff's holiday pay.

8. Economic Impact Assessment

HIE have funded 10 hours for an expert to produce an Economic Assessment Report for Colonsay. He will be coming to gather evidence on September and is due to issue the report in October.

9. Village Hall Solar Project

DO reported that the Village Hall committee are running a project and applying for funding to install solar panels. This would provide electricity for the Hall, Service Point, Shop and Post Office.

10. AOB

It was raised whether there had been any progress on the new buoy at Balnahard that Mowi wish to install. LM has heard of nothing but could try and find out if there is any update.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 24th September