



**Colonsay Community Development Company
Board Meeting
Thursday 13th January 2022**

1. Attendance and Apologies

Board members: Andrew Abrahams (AA), Caitlin McNeill (CM), Callum Hay (CH), Danny Onn (DO), Sarah Hobhouse (SH), Helen Mann (HM) (part), Liam McNeill (LM),

Also present: Clare Hay(minutes)

2. Minutes of last meeting.

Accepted.

Matters Arising

CH wished to thank SH for correcting an error regarding VAT. It is not payable on Manse rental so there is nothing to reclaim. DO had spoken to TSL about the Manse track. They will repair it when they return to the island with suitable smaller equipment.

There has been no response to the call for alternative campsite locations.

3. Declarations of interest: HM re crofting.

4. Projects: brief Scalasaig update

TSL stopped work on the island on 22nd Dec 2021 and hope to return in February or March 2022. There will be a full project report at the next meeting.

5. Assets

a) Old Manse – Lease update/consultation.

Although the lease has been sent to TSL, there has been no response so far. Invoices for the rent were issued just before Christmas, but not have not yet been paid.

Action HM to follow up re lease/invoices

It was hoped that the Manse consultation would go out next week, together with the community planning initial consultation. A question was raised as to whether the bedding at the Manse belonged to TSL or CCDC as it needed to be washed.

Action re bedding HM would follow up with GJ

6. Website tenders and funding

The website / branding report was deferred, at the request of the chair, due to the amount of time required for remaining agenda items. An application for funding has

been sent to HIE. Three responses to the tender have been received and are being evaluated. The result of the evaluation will be circulated.

7. Community Consultation

CM had circulated a copy of her proposed questionnaire. It was planned to consult all those who had an interest in Colonsay. CM had been invited to attend the ABC Community Planning group where she would share her work on the local community plan and invite input from those who provided public services to the island. The questionnaire would go out on paper and electronically, and would be issued within the next week, ideally together with the Manse survey.

There followed a discussion about the survey, and it was agreed to include information in the covering letter about what had been done since the last survey to show respondents that CCDC had delivered in response to views expressed previously. It was also agreed to include an incentive to encourage responses. CM asked for Board approval for this initial survey. The Board agreed unanimously subject to the inclusion of the above two items.

8. AOCB

A letter of support had been received from MOWI regarding the provision of in-kind support for the Moorings project. It proposed a three-year agreement with a review after two years to check viability of the project. Whichever conclusion was reached regarding viability, the project would run for a third year. The Board unanimously agreed to proceed on this basis.

The current registrar has resigned with effect from the end of January and ABC has no plans to replace her. Instead, a registrar will be sent over for weddings, and other registrations will be done online. There has been no consultation. The Board discussed the matter and felt the proposal should be challenged. DO would speak to the community council, draft a letter and report back to the Board.

Action - DO follow up re registrar

9.DONM

The next meeting will be on 10th February 2022 at 7pm