

Colonsay Community Development Company Board Meeting

Public Minutes

Thursday 25th August 2022

1. Attendance and apologies

Board members: Dannie Onn (DO), Sarah Hobhouse(SH) , Helen Mann (HM), Sue Dance (SD), Willie Joll (WJ), Lesley McInnes LM).

Community Planning Officer: Caitlin McNeill (CM)

Project co-ordinator: Lizzie Keenaghan (LK)

Apologies: Callum Hay (CH), Liam McNeill (LM), Andrew Abrahams (AA)

2. New Board member

DO welcomed LM who was formally co-opted as a member of the board. The Board introduced themselves. Lesley's expertise in social housing will be of great benefit in the coming year as CCDC takes on a social landlord role.

3.Minutes and matters arising.

The minutes were accepted and signed by DO. There were no matters arising not covered in the agenda.

3. Declarations of interest

Lizzie; crofts. Lesley; former employee of WHHA. Helen; croft and campsite.

4. Briefing Note

The briefing note had been received. Ailsa Rayburn, chair of community land Scotland and member of Eigg community trust, is very interested in CCDC developments and paid a visit to Colonsay yesterday. This will be added to the briefing note before publication.

5.Scalasaig report

CS report had been received. CS is ordering a banner printed for the work site with a design to promote CCDC success and ownership of the project.

On the project itself: we will continue to have meetings with funders regarding shortfall and risk. There was a meeting with MOWI who said they will pay their share of any price increases. RIHF was less enthusiastic but made helpful suggestions. It might be possible to draw in extra funding if there was a shift from the two shared equity homes to rented properties. More information will be needed to justify increased funding. When CH returns there will be a meeting with all parties. There is to be further discussion with RIHF regarding phase two and the possible preparation of phase two now, providing funding can be brought forward.

6.Home Argyll

LK suggested we promote the housing project on the Housing Association website thereby encouraging people to be registered on the housing list. Caitlin offered to support people in the filling of the Housing Argyll form if they go into the service point or email CM. CM will advertise this on social media. HM said that we should be passing expressions of interest to the Communities Housing Trust because they are managing sales and allocations for us. All the details of interested parties gathered so far should be passed on.

7. Moorings report

LK's moorings report had been received. There was good news on the usage of the moorings. Estimations of the income for August have already been exceeded; £645 compared to the £427 projected. That equates to 28% usage. There were suspicions that not all berthings were paid for. As a result of a diver's report on the condition of the equipment, LK has written to Gael Force who installed them only 3 months ago. We are expecting a response soon. LK will chase that. There is a meeting required with the estate regarding the signage and path before next month's meeting.

8. Croft matters

CM still chasing the common grazing lettings with the Crofting Commission.

9. Community plan

There had been a good response rate with around 70 responses of which 50 responses came from full time residents. CM will pull together a summary. The next step is to evaluate proposed projects before they are launched. CM is working on an extrapolated summary version before publication. From this she will develop an action plan for projects. She will group linked ambitions together under headings, for example, arts and culture, business development, housing. CM was congratulated on her excellent work on the consultation and the presentation. The funding for CM's current role runs out on 10th October. DO has been seeking funding for a continuation of the role. Ailsa suggested that funding may be available from the Crown Estate. Some funding from Scalasaig phase two?? may also be possible. DO suggested that we might approach Colonsay and Oransay community fund. CM will do that as well as approaching other sources including Gaelic culture support.

10. AOCB

None.

Date of next meeting: 22 September 2022