



## **Colonsay Community Development Company Board Meeting**

### **Public Minutes**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2022**

#### **1. Attendance and Apologies**

Board members: Dannie Onn (DO), Sarah Hobhouse(SH) , Callum Hay (CH), Sue Dance (SD), William Joll (WJ), Andrew Abrahams (AA)

Community Planning Officer: Caitlin McNeill (CM)

Project Co-ordinators: Lizzie Keenaghan (LK),

Apologies: Liam McNeill (LM), Helen Mann (HM), Lesley McInnes ( LMcl )

Also present: Clare Hay (minutes)

#### **2. 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**

LK: croft matters

#### **4. Change of Director**

Darragh Keenaghan (DK) had offered to help with CCDC's energy related projects. DO said it seemed a good idea to have DK on the board. LM was happy to step down , but DO thought it better that he stayed for the moment. DO proposed that DK be co-opted as a director. CH seconded the proposal. The board unanimously agreed so DK will come to the next meeting as a director.

#### **5. Briefing Note**

DO introduced the briefing note and asked if there were any questions. CH asked why the island profiling was delayed. DO said it was a matter of timing in that it might make more sense to ministers if it linked to NPF4 and worked in with the next phase, the local place plan.

(Item 8 was taken next as LK needed to leave after it and did so)

**6. Scalasaig report.** (note: part of the report relating to drainage and the electricity supply was taken in private)

There has been a project meeting. The road construction is not finalised as it is connected to the unresolved drainage issues. The banner to be displayed at the Scalasaig site giving information about the development was being printed. Draft allocation policies were due to be released.

The steel frames for the business units are one month behind schedule.

There were no questions on the report.

## **7. Scalasaig Phase 2**

It is anticipated that Scalasaig Phase 2 will help with the funding issues in Phase 1. It will include drainage and power over the whole site. DO asked if the board agreed to begin to deliver Phase 2 in terms of pulling together necessary information to plan the work and review funding.

The board agreed unanimously.

## **8. Old Manse**

LK presented key points of her report on the survey. The majority of respondents wished to see the building as a rented home, specifically for existing island residents or to attract key new residents. It was noted that comments from existing and previous occupants clearly identified a need to bring the building up to acceptable standards.

The majority also wanted the surrounding land to be used for additional flexible accommodation, though there were many challenges to overcome to do this. These included limitations due to the capacity of the septic tank and overhead powerlines. Other ideas included a business unit to go with the property. The simplest idea was to landscape it.

There was a discussion about how to approach the work. DO said it must be defined and treated as a project, what should be included, when would it be done, where would funding come from. CH said it was important to define the scope and priority of the renovations, the damp was a big issue and the cost to do all needed would be significant.

The board accepted all the report's recommendations unanimously.

## **9. Community Plan**

A draft of the community plan had been sent out to the board. CM asked the directors to study it and to make suggestions to help finalise it for presentation. The project section was not as yet complete and some other pages were missing. CM suggested that directors should feed back to her in a week. CM would incorporate suggestions and revisions, prior to another review after which it should be ready to issue to the community. CH would assist with the monitoring and review section of the plan. It was key that the plan should be delivered via well defined projects. DO said that all stakeholders would be consulted. CM said she had checked for evidence of support for funding required.

## **10. E-bike trial**

DO declared an interest as an e-bike owner. It was noted that the e-bike trial was included in the community plan. CH said the funder was very keen to ensure that small communities are provided with all the equipment required. CH said that Colonsay Boards and Bikes would be invited to run the project for CCDC and would receive a management fee for that. The project was a good fit with net zero and health objectives among others. There was a discussion. It was noted that the bike company had been short of equipment this summer. CH undertook to work on the bid with Jen and Matt, as it had to be submitted by mid November. After three years CCDC would own the bikes. The need to identify support for the trial was noted. CH would design and issue a survey.

The recommendations in CH's report were unanimously agreed by the board.

## **11. Crofts**

The third share lettings of the common grazing at Port Mor had come through. It was agreed that all crofters should have the same rights over croft land as over common grazing, in that they should be on the same leasing terms. CM would investigate and come back with more info.

## **12. Open Board Meetings.**

It had been proposed that the CCDC returns to having some board meetings open to the public. There was some discussion over how many per year and how the business should be organised. The board agreed that the November meeting should be open to the public (apart from items which had to be taken in private due to confidentiality).

## **13. AOCB**

The issue of whether Crown Estate funding would be involved in developing the place plan was discussed. A briefing had been sent round by Community Land.

## **DONM**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct in the village hall (probably 6pm though DO would consult the board regarding the timing and length of the meeting)