



CCDC Board Meeting 9th February 2023

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Board Meeting

Thursday 9 February 2023 – 19:00 – Colonsay Village Hall

Agenda

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2. 19:02 Minutes of last meeting and matters arising
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9. 19:30 Annual Accounts Callum
10. 19:32 Future of the Service Point Dannie
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15. 20:00 Port Mor access Dannie
16. 20:05 Shop Dannie/ Callum
17. 20:20 Old manse letting Dannie/ Helen
18. 20:30 AOCB



Colonsay Community Development Company Board Meeting

Public Minutes

Thursday 12 January 2023

1. Attendance and apologies

Board members present: Dannie Onn (DO), Willie Joll (WJ), Darragh Keenaghan (DK), Helen Mann (HM)

Board Members attending via remote link: Lesley McInness (LM). (Sarah Hobhouse was unable to connect due to host error - apologies)

Project co-ordinator: Carrie Seymour (CS)

Apologies: Callum Hay, Andrew Abrahams, Caitlin McNeill

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

HM, DK - Crofting

4. Briefing Note

The briefing note had been issued. No additions made or questions asked.

5. CCC update

WJ gave a quick update in relation to the administration of the community fund. A panel will review applications over £1,000. Applications under £1,000 will be reviewed by administrator and one member of the Council. Administration of the Hardship fund will be finalized at the next CCC meeting.

The Community Council (and indeed the Heritage Trust) have signed the new community plan.

6. Scalasaig Report

CS presented her report (previously circulated). In addition, Communities Housing Trust (CHT) has provided an Options Appraisal and there had been a meeting earlier today with CHT to discuss the appraisal. The report deals with making best use of the available housing options. The board discussed the paper, noting that the key to the choices available for tenure depend on the feedback from the marketing exercise. Any decision to change the tenures will be made at a later date.

In respect of the decisions requested in the CS report, the board agreed unanimously to the principle of a reservation fee for the self-build plots and that the detail will be determined by CHT. The board discussed the pros and cons of having a deposit on rental properties. It was noted that this is standard practice, but also that incoming tenants will have to bear the additional costs of furniture, white good, floor coverings and the like, as well as a month's rent in advance. The expectation is that the houses are likely to be let for the long term. The board decided by a majority, not to require a deposit from first tenants of the community housing.

7. Moorings

The board received the moorings report from LK which had been circulated previously. There were no additions to the report. The board approved the purchase and installation of up to 2 additional moorings. The board also approved the increase in moorings fees as set out in the report.

8. Service Point

The board discussed the threat of closure received from Argyll and Bute Council. After discussing the impacts this might have, the board agreed that DO should write to the council and our 3 ward Councillors resisting closure, but if it is to go ahead, asking for time and funding to make the transition.

9. Machair Wind

The board agreed that engagement with the CC to agree a Memorandum of Understanding with Scottish Power Renewables should be underway before the SPR team visit Colonsay in the Spring. DO agreed to take this forward with CCC.

12. AOCB

DO reported that a meeting with Chris Walker of Native Architects will take place towards the end of the month to discuss options and processes for the long term beneficial use of the property.

The board discussed the present state of the building, including dampness and mould. The property is not currently in a lettable standard, but the board agreed that the property should be let to people in need as a short-term measure if possible.

Date of next meeting – 9 February 2023

Meetings have been scheduled for the second Thursday of each month at 19:00 and the hall has been booked. Changes may be made as necessary.



GENERAL BRIEFING NOTE February 2023

Community Plan

CCC and COHT have signed the community plan, joining us in ownership of the plan's ambitions on behalf of the community here. The final copy will be sent to other island groups and stakeholders, with an invitation to be listed as a supporter of the plan. The draft list is below.

CTMG, Colonsay Health, Colonsay Village Hall, MOWI, RSPB, Oronsay Estate, the Church, the Pantry, the School, Colonsay Estate, Colonsay Hotel. Others can be included as required.

Visitor Moorings

There are enough funds with HIE remaining for purchases of essential chain risers & winter ropes as planned, but now quotes are back - not enough for a complete set of equipment needed for even one additional mooring, as HIE uplift funding has disappointingly been taken off the table. HIE have reported since the last Board meeting short staffing in their office, and aren't able to process all applications, especially for small sums of just a few thousand pounds. Lizzie had asked for the go-ahead to purchase additional moorings on the basis of achieving this, and now it isn't likely. The Board might want to consider asking the Colonsay & Oronsay Community Fund. It means we'd return a small underspend, and Lizzie is checking with HIE whether this is preferable.

Paths for All £1500 can be carried over as restricted funds, but as the Estate are unlikely to have finalised their Queens Bay plans for at least another year, we will investigate other potential path projects.

The majority of the printed flyers are all enveloped up ready for sending late February/early March to 45 different places - marinas, chandlery shops, yachting clubs & charterers. There will be an advert with Welcome Anchorages thanks to the Digital Enablement Grant flyer design, and Calmac's funding for this, worth £550 + VAT

Colonsay campsite

The planning application has made still not been validated by Argyll and Bute Council. This is frustrating for the Helen. She may need to have a 'soft' opening based on the 28 days she may operate without planning permission and wild camping opportunities such as were held last year.

The spend on the grant is progressing and Lizzie will be processing this over the next to months. A full report on the use of the grant will be prepared for the April board.

Island Profile update

There have been no applicants for this short-term post. Dannie has discuss additional hours with existing staff and spoken with with Cameron Anson of the SG Islands Team. We can allocate additional hours to our existing staff and must claim against their work on this up to 31 March 2023. Hopefully, Caitlin and Lizzie will begin working on this next week.

Rhododendron clearing

Andrew has written to Alex Howard on our behalf reminding him of the importance of and his responsibility to prevent re-growth on the cleared areas.

Uragaig croft boundary

The lawyers are finalising the transfer of land. Dannie has been asked to agree to CCDC paying its share of any further work needed in ensuring the title deed is rectified. This is in accordance with the agreement with Alex Howard on the land swap. We are told that further work is unlikely but, in any event, will not exceed £350 plus VAT.

Dannie Onn