



Colonsay Community Development Company Board Meeting  
Public Minutes  
Thursday 9 February 2023

**1. Attendance and apologies**

Present: Helen Mann (HM), Caitlin MacNeill (CM), Callum Hay (CH), Dannie Onn (DO), Sarah Hobhouse (SH), Andrew Abrahams (AA)

Apologies: William Joll (WJ), Darragh Keenaghan (DK), Lesley McInnes (LM)

**2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

Amendment: Under item 12 the property refers to the Baptist Manse.

Minutes agreed.

**3. Declarations of interest**

HM camping

**4. Minute-taking**

Thank you to Clare Hay for taking minutes for the past year.

**5. Briefing Note**

Community Plan – is there business or organisation that CCDC has missed to support the plan? The proposed list was discussed and modified. All organisations, businesses and individuals will be invited to support the plan. (A note to be added to the list to that effect.)

Mooring Fund – It was agreed that CCDC should not stretch to a further two moorings. Lizzie Keenaghan (LK) to ask if the money CCDC does have allocated for the moorings could be used for materials for maintaining existing moorings.

Paths for All – two ideas for the use of the fund have been suggested so far.

Remaking a footpath through the Scalasaig site, between The Pantry and Church, and improvements to the old road between Scalasaig Farm and the old reservoir. LK to be asked to trawl for ideas.

Island Profiling – CM will be starting this employment next week and LK will be starting in a couple of weeks.

## **6. CCC update**

CM reported that they discussed whether there will be a formal working understanding between the CCC and CCDC. Their next meeting will decide.

If WJ unable to attend CCC meeting, as CCDC representative, CCC to invite another representative if need be.

## **7. Scalasaig update**

Launch of the application process for the new housing has gone to press release nationally.

Adjustment of the allocation process it is recommended by CHT that the policy not be too prescriptive, and some changes have been made.

Banner for the site needs to be reconsidered as to where it can go so that it doesn't get wrecked by the weather. DO to ask the site manager to either fix it or remove it until weather improves.

## **8. Electric bikes**

The main grant funder (Transport Scotland) has put back the decision date to May 2023. National Lottery have agreed match funding and Islay Energy have already put match funding into our bank account. The community fund application is pending.

## **9. Annual Accounts**

Apologies but these are not yet approved, awaiting valuation of crofts. Details have been provided with the help of Jan Binnie and the accounts can now be finalised. The board discussed and agreed unanimously to paying the cost of £600 for a professional valuation.

CM said that £180 needs to be paid to the crofting commission, which was agreed.

## **10. Future of the Service Point**

A&B are proposing to close the Service Point. Both CCDC and CCC will argue to keep the Service Point open. CH has drafted a letter to share with CCC.

## **11. Fibre broadband**

Discussed whether the community is putting enough pressure to ensure that we get fibre broadband as soon as possible. Wayleave negotiations with Colonsay Estate may be holding up any progress. CCC has a working group chasing both locally and nationally. CH to investigate the hold up with the working group.

## **12. Port Mor Housing**

The de-crofting has been approved, however there is 42-day period for objection. WHHA have confirmed that they will proceed and not wait the 42 days. The remaining hurdles include completion of the rights from Rhona Robinson and appointment of TSL as the contractor.

The board is delighted that this next stage has been reached.

## **13. Website**

SH presented a mock-up of The Corncrake, now fully imbedded into the website. The board was impressed. SH will now gather contributions and go live. Each section now in place; list of directors, financial, chairs report, updates etc. SH thanked for the work undertaken.

Advertising rates – discussed and it was agreed that SH, AA and CH to get together in the next few days and finalise a rate.

## **14. AOCB**

Colonsay Tourism Marketing Group Rates going up by £10. It was discussed whether CCDC wanted to continue with being a member. It was carried by majority that membership does not continue this coming year.

Note: SH objects strongly to paying anything to the existing Marketing Group.

## **DONM**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 @ 7pm