



Colonsay Community Development Company Board Meeting  
Public Minutes  
Thursday 13 July 2023

**1. Attendance and apologies**

Present: Dannie Onn (DO), Callum Hay (CH), Andrew Abrahams (AA), Lindsay Chalmers (LC), Helen Mann (HM), Lesley McInnes (LM), Caitlin MacNeil, William Joll (WJ)

Apologies: Darragh Keenaghan (DK), Carrie Seymour, Lizzie Keenaghan

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

Minutes approved.

Meeting with SH

**3. Declarations of interest**

HM croft and campsite

**4. Briefing Note**

Circulated prior to the meeting. No comments or questions were made.

**5. CCC briefing**

DO provided a briefing note to the CCC at their recent meeting. The note was well-received and will be repeated before each CCC meeting. A copy of the draft CCC minutes is promised to the board.

**6. Scalasaig update**

Due to matters which must be taken in private, the report is now moved to the private minutes. For public record is the map to accompany the deed of conditions on Scalasaig land. The map includes areas in green which would be retained by CCDC rather than maintained for use by all. This is predominantly the area for attenuation drainage in the north-east part of the housing site. The board agreed to retain these areas for future development or projects

without levying a maintenance charge on them. DO to forward the decision to Harper MacLeod for completion of the deed.

## **7. Housing and business unit allocations**

The finalised draft of the policy was circulated prior to the meeting. This is overdue as Communities Housing Trust are proceeding with allocations on the basis of the policy. Minor changes requested by directors have now been made. The board formally agreed to adopt the policy.

## **8. Housing management update**

CH has drafted a letter to ministers, regarding the New Supply Shared Equity scheme for affordable house sales. This was circulated prior to the meeting. CHT to be shown the draft prior to sending it to ministers. All agreed for the letter to be sent. Ariane Burgess will be added to the list of those copied in.

HM circulated 25 housing management documents prior to the meeting. These have been based on standard housing templates and regulatory requirements. They will ensure that statutes are met. They include basic recommendations for landlords and a lot of common-sense recommendations from organisations and government. HM was thanked for the work she has done so far. Directors need more time to consider the documents, and they will be brought to future meetings in a co-ordinated way for formal approval.

## **9. E-bikes**

CH reported difficulties with delivering the e-bikes project. The existing grant offers will not be taken up this year, but the funding will likely be repeated for the next financial year. Colonsay Boards and Bikes are happy with this decision and there will be a review this autumn.

## **10. Island Profile update**

A sample cover and contents page for the profile were circulated to the board prior to the meeting. There was very scant information, and the board is disappointed that a lot more had not been presented. This follows Board concern from previous meetings as to what the document would cover. DO said there should be a meeting next week to put a timetable together for completion. DO and CH to attend. DO also suggested the profile should set out what data we have been able to find that supports our ambitions. He

reminded directors that this is a pilot project working with Scottish Government. The profile will also look at what lessons have been learned. A further report will be brought to the next meeting.

### **11. Community Secretarial post**

At its meeting last week, CCC suggested that it would be helpful if all community meetings could be minuted or noted by a paid member of staff, funded by the Community fund (COCF). CCC felt they could not apply themselves to the COCF and asked if CCDC would make an application on the community's behalf. AA thought it a shame and a reflection on the state of the community, that someone isn't prepared to volunteer their time to take minutes. Directors agreed in principle that they would support a trial period. DO had offered to prepare a brief outline of a scheme for the CCC to consider at their next meeting and will share this with the board first.

### **12. AOCB**

#### **CCDC gate at Port Mor**

DO has been asked by Sophie Furze if CCDC could do something about the last gate on the track between our land and Rhona Robinson's croft. The problem is expected to be resolved later in the year when WHHA develop the road for their housing site. The board agreed that if WHHA are not able to do anything this year, then CCDC will discuss again. DO to inform Sophie Furze of this decision.

### **DONM**