

## Colonsay Community Development Company Board Meeting

### Public Minutes

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Present: Dannie Onn (DO), William Joll (WJ), Will Young (WY), Callum Hay (CH), Andrew Abrahams (AA), Lindsay Chalmers (LC), Helen Mann (HM) Carrie Seymour (CS), Darragh Keenaghan (DK)

Apologies: Lizzie Keenaghan (LK)

#### **1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

AA raised a concern regarding the CHT allocation delays. He said that the minutes do not reflect the anger and frustration at the meeting. He felt that this should be recorded and suggested that a strong letter/phone call should be made to CHT to express the frustrations of the board.

Subject to that amendment, the minutes were approved.

#### **2. Declarations of interest**

HM – campsite and Port Mor. DK – Port Mor

#### **3. Briefing Note**

Circulated prior to the meeting. In addition, and since the last meeting, there has been a valuation and a draft report on the Uragaig Croft and a meeting with Scottish Land Fund.

#### **4. Scalasaig report**

Circulated prior to the meeting. In addition: the next valuation should be less than the August 2023 valuation from TSL; the revised business units lease are not yet back from the lawyers regarding the business units, but we hope to get it next week; and legal advice on ABC loan in hand, but not yet given to CCDC.

The services to the workshop units – have gone over HIE/WHHA land, rather than estate land, TSL could not find an agreement with the estate over the shorter route.

#### **5. Campsite update**

Circulated prior to the meeting. WHHA have agreed to provide details of the road, so that the campsite can be consistent with them in their submission to the Argyll and Bute under planning conditions. The ABC grant team has been approached to see if the grant can be run over into the next financial year, and we await an answer from them. VAT reimbursement will be discussed with CCDC accountants next week. CH suggested that the board write to the Hobhouses, as a formal recognition for agreeing on being paid when the grant was given to the CCDC, which was a year wait. CH to draft the letter.

#### **6. Island Profile update**

LK would like approval to go ahead with the draft questionnaires that have been circulated to the board. Further discussion is required within the project team before bringing back to the board. CCC have also recently carried out a survey and we should try not to overlap with their questions.

#### **7. Website update**

Sarah Hobhouse has offered to continue to manage the website on behalf of the CCDC. CH also now has administrator access to the website. Proposals for the charging of others advertising on the website will be sent round the board as soon as possible for discussion. There are also some design funds left in the purse and this could be used for letter heads etc.

#### **8. Machair Windfarm update**

Machair Wind have been in touch with both CCDC and CCC asking if they can attend their next meetings. DO has responded that there is an established island windfarm group, which was formed last year, and this group will meet with Machir windfarm for co-ordination meetings etc. Richard Buttrick and Sandy Abrahams are also involved in the group.

#### **9. Annual Accounts**

Annual accounts for 2022/23 were approved by the EGM before this meeting.

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Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023