

## **CCDC Board Meeting**

**Thursday 2 May 2024**

### **Public Minutes**

**Present:** Dannie Onn (DO), Callum Hay (CH), William Young (WY), William Joll (WJ), Linsay Chalmers (LC), Lesley McInnes (LM)

**Apologies:** Helen Mann (HM), Andrew Abrahams (AA), Darragh Keenaghan (DK)

#### **Minutes of the last meeting**

Agreed and signed.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

None declared

#### **Briefing Note**

A copy of the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and LK's energy report for the Old Baptist Manse were circulated prior to the meeting.

#### **Scalasaig Report**

CS's report was circulated prior to the meeting. CS seeks approval for the Deed of Conditions. She raises some particular questions. For example; should residents not be allowed to have a boat, caravan? Should the number of pets be restricted? On this and other restrictions, the board discussed the concerns and agreed that there should be a general requirement to seek landlord's consent on a case-by-case basis. This would give flexibility and allow for judgements to be made in the interests of all. The board may have to explain the basis on which decisions are made. We note that this can be fraught and there may be difficulties at some stage, but this is a common clause with Housing Associations.

In terms of pets, the board agreed that the general rule should be a maximum of two, but tenants may request to keep more. Front gardens may be enclosed, subject to limits on fence or hedge height and vegetable growing should be allowed at the front, not just ornamental planting

The board noted that there may be advantages in setting up a residents' association to manage such matters or represent all residents to CCDC. However, CCDC as Landlords should have the final say.

The deed of conditions is otherwise approved by the board.

#### **Enterprise Update**

Last meeting DO reported that Richard Buttrick (RB) would put together an economic document for the island – DO and RB have met again, and RB has put together a skeleton document intended to create a financial picture of the island.

WJ concerned that folk will not give their cooperation to give this kind of information. DO explained that RB hopes to draw inferences from the information we can obtain to secure generalised (and anonymised) data which can be used for comparison purposes. DO has agreed to send a copy of the proposed Profile Questionnaire to RB so that we can weave in his data requirements where possible.

### **Port Mor Harbour**

Notes of open public meeting circulated prior to the meeting. An open public meeting was held last week which highlighted the significance of the letter from Jolyon Gritten, access officer for Argyll and Bute Council. Harbour users are now clear to continue using the access to the harbour that had been unlawfully blocked by Rhona Robinson.

Peter Macdonald met with DO today and gave contact details of communities that have restored harbours, plus contractors that have worked on projects such as this.

CH thanked DO for all the work on this.

### **AOCB**

Community Garden - Galbraith has written to Morna Piper, saying that the garden rent of £10 has been paid to CE twice. Galbraith's have asked for contact and banking details for CCDC for this over payment to be returned. DO to ask if it can be held in credit for next year's rent.

Uragaig Croft – DO and DK have had a meeting with SLF. They will update Danny and Barbara that CCDC should have a decision on the grant application at the end of May.

Port Mor Road – 2 tenders have been received. They include many qualifications. Agents for WHHA say that the tenders are with their quantity surveyors and should be evaluated by the end of this month.

Website – Sarah Hobhouse (SH) reports that she is working through the advertisers individually to update as required and ensure they are happy before invoicing for this year. This should all be done in the next week or two. After that, SH to liaise with West Coast Media to make improvements to some of the web pages – Local Producers for instance – and to fine-tune some of the other sections and improve design. The next phase after that will be targeting new advertisers. SH was thanked for all her work on this.

Recycling – CCC asking CCDC through WJ to support the CCC in writing to ABC. None of the recycling facilities are working on the island. 2<sup>nd</sup> homeowners complaining to CCC that they pay double rates and cannot use the dump. The principal problem is that

all recycling goes from Colonsay to Islay. But, we have no Islay boat. All existing recycling facilities are full on the island. The board consider that these are matters for the community council rather than CCDC. CH suggests that they contact Zero Waste Scotland – who oversee councils' performance – and maybe work with them to improve the system for a better and long term solution.

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Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024 7pm