CCDC Board Meeting

Friday 30 August 2024

Public Minutes

Attendance: Dannie Onn (DO), Callum Hay (CH), Darragh Keenaghan (DK), Willie Joll (WJ), Helen Mann (HM), Andrew Abrahams (AA), Lesley MacInness (LM)

Apologies: Will Young, Willie Joll (WJ), Linsay Chalmers, Carrie Seymour (CS), Lizzie Keenaghan (LK)

Minutes of the Last Meeting and matters arising:

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Declarations of Interest:

DK – croft, housing, Port Mor track

Monthly Bulletin:

Circulated prior to the meeting. No questions or additional information. The Board is happy for this edition to be published.

Scalasaig Report:

Circulated prior to the meeting. In addition, DO reported on plans for the celebration event. MOWI are awaiting a response from the office of Marie Gougeon. The proposed date will be in week commencing 23 October, but subject to change if circumstances require.

CH reported that a request for stepped payments on the BU No.3 lease had been requested. This is because the summer season is over before business start, and income would be reduced. The balance of the first year rent would be made up by the end of the first full year. The board agreed that this would be acceptable.

There were no further questions and no matters for decision.

Carbon Neutral Island report

A verbal update was given. CH reports that funding has been offered to carry out an initial project by end March 2025. This will be within the remit of the Scottish Government Carbon Neutral Islands initiative and will focus on an energy audit with a view to supporting a just transition from solid fuel. The early focus of the project would

be on community engagement, followed by data gathering to enable a picture of energy use at Colonsay and Oransay. Colonsay Community Council will be informed and asked to endorse the project. The funding will allow appointment of a part time employee to manage the project and based on 1-2 days per week. An open recruitment exercise will be undertaken.

Following a brief discussion, the board approved unanimously to accept the offer of funding and proceed with the project.

Port Mor update

DO updated the board on the progress of the road upgrade by WHHA. The base for the new road is underway. One of the passing bays has been moved at the request of the landowner. Whilst this would reduce the scope for manoeuvring near the harbour access, it does not impact on the rights of access established by Argyll and Bute Council. Accessibility to the harbour will become part of the harbour restoration project in due course. Tarmac surfacing is expected in the last week of September.

Annual accounts and reporting

CH reports that our accountants have prepared accounts for the auditors and he reports that CCDC is a going concern.

Website and Social Media:

DO reported that he had spoken to Sarah following the concerns of the board at the last meeting. Her response had raised other matters, and CH/ DO propose further discussion to determine the best way forward.

AGM

The date for the AGM will be set when we have a likely date for the audit of our accounts. This is likely to be in late October. Provisional dates were considered but nothing is fixed for now. 16 days' notice must be given to our membership. We propose to repeat the format of last year, with a slide show too display our achievements last year and up to date. It may also be an opportunity to seek feedback from islanders on the various initiatives we are working on.

DONM:

Thursday 29th August 2024 at 7pm.