24 April 2025 - PUBLIC MINUTES DRAFT

Attending: Callum Hay (CH), Dannie Onn (DO), William Joll (WJ), Andrew Abrahams (AA), Lesley McInnes (LM)

Apologies: William Young (WY), Darragh Keenaghan (DK), Helen Mann (HM), Linsay Chalmers (LC), Carrie Seymour (CS), Lizzie Keenaghan (LK)

Minutes of last meeting agreed and signed.

Matters Arising – the Radio 4 reporters visit has happened and to thank all that were involved.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Monthly Bulletin:

Circulated prior to the meeting. DO suggested that the monthly bulletin be used to update the website every month. The board agreed. CS is now set up as administrator for the colonsay.org website.

Scalasaig Report:

Circulated prior to the meeting. The opening event was considered a great success. Helen Bain and Morag Goodfellow from HIE seemed very impressed by the development.

Local Place Plan Report:

Circulated prior to the meeting. The board noted the content and the date of the public meeting. Caitlin McNeill has volunteered to be involved with the publication of the LPP and will be available on 10 May. Other directors and staff are encouraged to attend. CH took part in a seminar, which identified the importance of having a local place plan on development ambitions and future funding.

Machair Wind Update:

There has been further progress with SPR's local Machair engagement group. Our local representative group has asked for senior decision makers at SPR to visit the island to have a better understanding of the impacts here and this is being considered. The first round of Public Consultation will be on 4 June 2025 in the village hall. There will be a second event in August.

AOCB:

Surf Award – have requested that CCDC do a presentation on 1 May in Edinburgh. CH has volunteered to do this.

The Babtist Manse – tenants plan to depart this summer. Therefore, decisions on how to upgrade the house and grounds will be the next project that needs to be addressed. RIHF may have grants for retro fitting and upgrading existing houses – LK looking into this. CH suggested that big projects may not be funded but interim funding for smaller works may be available. DO will bring a project plan to the next board meeting.

A private mooring on the north side of Queens Bay is coming up for sale and the owner has spoken with DO to see if the community would be interested in buying. CH concern is maintenance, moorings are marginal at best regarding the funding that they bring in and asked whether the owner would donate it to the community? DO to contact MOWI to explore the condition of the mooring and its maintenance before we make a decision.

DONM: Thursday 22 May 2025