COLONSAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

BOARD MEETING

DRAFT 22 May 2025 – Public Minutes

Attendance: Dannie Onn (DO), William Joll (WJ), Darragh Keenaghan (DH), Linsay Chalmers (LC), Andrew Abrahams (AA), William Young (WY), Helen Mann (HM)

Apologies: Callum Hay (CH), Lesley McInnes (LM), Maggie Fay (MF), Carrie Seymour (CS), Lizzie Keenaghan (LK),

Minutes of Last meeting.

Approved and agreed.

Matters Arising:

None.

Declarations of Interest:

None.

Monthly Bulletin:

Draft bulletin circulated prior to the meeting. No further information or questions. Some minor changes advised to the first section, which will be amended before issue.

Ben Sgoiltaire allocation:

Report read to the board and will be added to the record. Everyone involved was thanked, DK thanked WY for the childcare whilst parents were being interviewed. HM reminded us that no names should be used in any announcement, unless permission from them has been given.

Scalasaig Update:

As in the monthly bulletin.

Local Place Plan Report:

The report was circulated prior to the meeting. There was no additional information or questions.

Carbon Neutral Island Report:

The report was circulated prior to the meeting along with the finalised Community Climate Action Plan. The board approved the Plan, which will be added to our website in due course.

Fuel Supplies report:

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

The Colonsay and Oransay Community Fund application awarded a grant to the project earlier today. Funding is in place, although formal approval of HIE funding to be confirmed. Any further funding required might be requested from MOWI.

CH reported that the regulatory authority would allow us to open the pump for business for longer hours than applied for, but the board agreed that we would not be opening the pump all hours.

Solar Panel energy to run the pump will be fine in the summer, but there are concerns about the winter lack of sunshine and CH has asked energy companies and other experts to estimate how much energy will be used and generated, to ensure a reliable supply.

AA asked whether contingency funds were high enough and whether the two systems could be run side by side for a trial period of 6 months. CH felt that CCDC had outstayed their welcome period with the shop, by more than a year and that the new pump must necessarily be on the same spot as the old. CH has been in contact with Tiree and Jura where the exact same pumps are successfully running with no problems. Power connection would have to come from the hall if mains electricity would be required. CH confirmed that there would be training for operation and maintenance of the new kit.

CH asked the board to think about what to do if no one comes forward to take over this voluntary role of the Trading Company. DO has mentioned this in the latest bulletin and the next step is put the adverts out. LC mentioned that Eigg is now in a situation where there is no petrol pump. We do not want to get into that situation.

Machir Wind Update:

Directors were reminded of the first stage consultation on 4 June 2025 in Colonsay Village Hall. This is part of a series of consultations as the design is refines and consents applied for. It is an opportunity to learn about and comment on the initial draft proposals. DO encouraged everyone to go the meeting. Scottish Power Renewables have defined us as a ‘hosting’ community. The group formed by CCC and CCDC will be

signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Machair Wind/ SPR into the allocation of community benefit should the project go ahead.

AOCB

Scottish Islands Plan review is at a consultation stage. The board agreed that DO will respond on behalf of the CCDC.

DONM: Thursday 26 June at 7pm