COLONSAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

26.6.025 – Public Minute DRAFT

Attendance: Dannie Onn (DO), William Joll (WJ), Callum Hay (CH), Andrew Abrahams (AA), Helen Mann (HM), William Young (WY),

Members of the Public: 1

Apologies: Darragh Keenaghan (DH), Linsay Chalmers (LC), Maggie Fay (MF), Carrie Seymour (CS), Lizzie Keenaghan (LK), Lesley McInnes (LM)

Welcoming and introductions of the board to the member of the public.

M**inutes of Last meeting**.

Approved and agreed.

Matters Arising:

DO, CH and HM meeting with the family who are taking the Ben Scoltaire Croft, to discuss the leases and other matters on Friday 27th June.

Declarations of Interest:

None.

Monthly Bulletin:

Circulated prior to the meeting.

All approved the draft bulletin for issue.

Old Manse Report:

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. Directors noted the content of the report.

A meeting with Sarah Docherty from Scottish Government More Homes Division is planned. The initial contact was positive in that RIHF funding is being considered appropriate to refurbish existing houses because of the high cost of new-build. As previously agreed by the board, the works will involve a new bathroom, floor repairs and a new kitchen with other measures to make it fit for letting. There could also be retro fit insulation because grants might be available. DO to contact Jackie Ann from Argyll and Bute for advice.

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Carbon Neutral Island Report:

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. The first grant application for the village hall project, PV panels on the roof, went away yesterday. The next application is being worked on now.

Fuel Project Report:

A report was circulated prior to the meeting.

The main outstanding issue is the specification for the off-grid energy. Islay Energy have given helpful suggestions and CH is continuing to work on sorting this. The concern is that the suggested PV panels may not generate enough electricity in mid-winter to power the pump. CH is looking at back-up solutions, including power from the nearest building or generator should the batteries not hold enough power.

Regulatory requirements on distance of a generator to the pump – discussed.

Existing pump is being nursed through the last few months of its life. Most are aware that priming the pump for petrol requires patience.

Machair Wind Update:

Machir Wind held their first consultation round in the hall earlier this month. The Memorandum of Understanding with the Colonsay Community was signed with Scottish Power (SP) whilst they were here. CCC is conducting a straw poll of islander views of the forthcoming wind farm.

Visualisations are being sent to the community, to make available to the public again. They will be displayed in the village hall and islanders will have the opportunity to look at them without SP staff. Night-time views are not available, but we understand that further work will be done by Machair Wind to provide these. Noise levels are not assessed for consultation because it is accepted that noise will not be an issue at the distances from our shores.

AOCB

Website – we have commissioned West Coast Media to do the final pages that we need. From there, we should be able to add our own pages and bring the website up to date. HM offered to help keep the website updated. HM was thanked for her offer. CH, CS and HM will have access to the administration of the website.

DONM - Thursday 24 July at 7pm