COLONSAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Board Meeting 13 November 2025

Public Minute

Attendance: Dannie Onn (DO), William Joll (WJ), Callum Hay (CH), Liz Griffiths (LG), Andrew Abrahams (AA), Steve Fay (SF), Maggie Fay (MF)

Apologies: Carrie Seymour (CS), Lizzie Keenaghan (LK), Lesley McInnes (LM), Linsay Chalmers (LC),Helen

M**inutes of Last meeting**.

Approved by all.

Matters Arising:

None

Declarations of Interest

None.

Director changes

DO welcomed and introduced Steve Fay to the meeting. The Board appointed Steve as a director of the company (Steve left the room for this item). At the AGM, CH will need to resign and then be co-opted. LM offered to step down and not be co-opted, making way for CH to be co-opted instead. LM will be available in the background and to rejoin if she can be useful in future.

Monthly Bulletin:

Tabled at the meeting. Not a complete bulletin this time. DO read through the briefing for information and proposed circulating to the board once updated and before issue to the community. Accounts, AGM, e-bikes, Post Office (with CCC input), Machair Wind and other matters can all be added.

Fuel project update

Report circulated prior to the meeting. Formal agreement with shop for back-up power supply still required. Installation a week on Saturday, completing within a week. CH answered some questions on practical and technical issues. The arrangement with the shop will be completed as agreed with the shop, but due to the cost, we will try to move the connection to the village hall as soon as possible. The board noted progress on the

project. All agreed that we proceed with the agreement with The island Shop for the short term.

Fuel pump access needs to be clarified for the general public. Service point hours are our way of meeting the requirement to respond an emergency within 15 minutes. This will be a matter for the board. A further notice might be helpful.

The new system will be easier to manage, but 4 people will be trained to understand the system. There should be a rota of people. There will be a log for recording checks and emergency call-outs.

Trading standards are likely to visit in Spring.

(MF joined the meeting.)

Moorings 2025 season report

CH report (worked on with LK) circulated in advance of the meeting. Essentially, income has not been as good as hoped for, but there is a small profit. This more than covers staff time, but we still rely on MOWI to inspect and manage the moorings. The board considered the difficulty of ensuring that all users pay, but any way of enforcing would be too costly. Random spot checks could be made. We could add a solar powered camera to the SSE power pole, even temporarily, or use a drone, to gauge income loss. The board agreed that these matters will be taken forward after the meeting with MOWI.

The moorings are rarely fully occupied which does not indicate adding the other four in our Marine Scotland license.

There is a meeting arranged this month to discuss the future support with MOWI.

The board agreed the increase in fees as set out in the report. CH and LK thanked for their work on this

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[As bulletin draft]

Annual Accounts and AGM

[as bulletin plus] Auditors have failed to keep to agreed timetable, but draft should be with our accountant tomorrow. The draft includes that there are no material concerns but there wil be some advisory points. Thanks to Tanya, Carrie, our accountant David and to Callum for all the work. This should be the last audit unless and until we run another major project.

It is possible that the AGM could be scheduled for early December. DO and CH to agree and fix a date in time to notify the members and our community.

DTAS funding bid

A new recovery and resilience fund has been announced. We had thought to bid simply for staff funding. However, meetings with DTAS make it clear that the process will be support in many forms, which might involve an element of funding. DO reported the draft self-assessment form, following input from directors and staff. The board authorised DO to complete the form and submit to DTAS.

MF training on funding bids was delivered this morning, which DO described as excellent. The information will be circulated.

Machair Wind update

DO outlined the recent progress. The community group working on our relationship with Machair needs to meet following the recent consultation. There have been some negative responses, misinformation and misunderstanding. A public meeting will be held as soon as possible. DO will report back.

AOCB

Meeting with An Faire Mor held recently. MF reports that the proposal is to replace trees and shrubs lost for the development and to add hedges. There is also a proposal to provide a growing area and possible a polycrub. Residents are in favour and have agreed to form a residents association to own and maintain the gardening. Woodland Trust will fund trees and hedges, MF proposes to apply for lottery funding for the rest.

An Faire Mor fencing is being priced now. It may be possible that this project could supplement the budget we have for the fencing associated with the community garden area.

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