

# MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARISAIG COMMUNITY TRUST (ACT) MINUTES

Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7pm

LSIC

- 1. Present:** Steve Westwood (SW), David Buick (DB), Rosemary Bridge (RB)  
**Others Present:** John Fisher (JF), Maureen McColl (MM) (By Zoom for Item 4)  
**Apologies:** Olivia Bridge (OB), Kieran Logan (KL), Jess Logan (JL), Zoe Pritchard (ZP)
- 2. Declaration of Interest:** None
- 3. Minutes of Last Meeting (9th March 2022):** Proposed by RB, seconded by DB.
- 4. Gower Trust Applications:** MM joined the meeting to discuss three grant applications to the Gower Trust. RB introduced each of the three requests and after a short discussion it was agreed to make awards to the following:
  - the Mallaig Book Festival
  - the Astley Hall Arts Events
  - the Arisaig & District Community Council (ADCC) for the erection of a sculpture at the bottom of the footpath leading to the village war memorial
- 5. Matters Arising:** SW informed the meeting that the Energy Savings Trust business arm was reorganising and would continue to investigate the possibility of funding for a solar hot water system for the village toilets. However, the most expeditious route would be the installation of an electric system and RB agreed to ask David Smith to look into the feasibility of this. **Action: RB**
- 6. Office Bearers/New Directors:** JF stated his intention to stand for election as a director at the forthcoming AGM. All agreed he would be a welcome addition to the board. RB stated her intention to remain on the board and to continue as the Treasurer now that much of the day to day bookkeeping work has been passed to ZP.
- 7. Treasurer's Report:** Report circulated prior to the meeting:

*Bank Balances at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022:*

LSIC £18,750	Less Reserves £4,014	TOTAL: £14,736
ACT £65,249	Less Reserves & Restricted £45,312	TOTAL: £19,937

RB presented a grant application to the Museum & Galleries Fund for streaming equipment to allow online talks. (Circulated prior to the meeting).

There was a short discussion about the level of charging for the EV points. The current charge of 25p per unit is only just covering costs and it was agreed to increase the charge to 50p per unit. **Action: SW to liaise with Alison O'Rourke to submit the necessary paperwork to Swarco.**

## 8. Income Generating Schemes:

**Bike Hire:** It has been previously agreed not to pursue this idea and the item will no longer be included in the agenda. It was noted that the two older electric bikes had been returned from Nevis Cycles after repair and refurbishment. Assuming that the terms of the funding for the bikes allowed it has previously been agreed to sell

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these machines. [Action: RB to check with Alison O'Rourke as to the grant funding conditions.](#)

**School Car Park:** It has been previously agreed not to pursue this idea and the item will no longer be included in the agenda.

**Slow Adventure Impact Fund:** The Board has previously agreed to accept whatever contributions might arise from the business activities of Slow Adventure. (SLOW Adventure make a contribution to selected charities in the areas they operate in - <https://www.slow-adventure.com/>). This item will no longer be included on the agenda.

## 9. Community Land:

**Housing** - The housing project was discussed at a specially convened meeting of the Directors on 6<sup>th</sup> April. SW had previously met with the Housing Project Officer, Pamela King (PK) and agreed a way forward to recommend to the Directors. Recent estimates from the project's builder make the scheme unaffordable, as currently funded. The recommendation from SW and PK is to re-tender the build, once full planning approval has been granted. Such approval should be given within a few weeks and the re-tender process will take about two months. Once new, detailed, costs are available ACT will be in a position to seek additional funding, if necessary, from the Communities Housing Trust or other appropriate bodies. This approach was discussed and agreed at the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> April and formally endorsed at tonight's Board meeting by those present.

**Orchard** - Now that the Eco-project has formally concluded with the closure of the Climate Change Fund it is unclear how the management of the orchard will be taken forwards. [Action: RB to check what plans, if any, Alison O'Rourke has for covering this area within her new 6 month plan.](#)

**Shorefront** - SW informed the meeting that he had completed temporary repairs to the car park. It is intended to conduct a crowdfunding campaign this summer with a target of £50,000. This will pay for resurfacing of the car park and replacement of the shorefront footpath at the end of the tourist season. [Action: SW and Jess Logan to pursue the crowdfunding campaign.](#)

10. **LSIC:** Rachel Crawley's report was circulated prior to the meeting. The report highlighted the fact that the building's fascias would need painting this summer. [Action: SW to contact Chris Pritchard to obtain a quote for the work.](#)
11. **Bill's Shed:** SW reported that the filing cabinet from the Station building has now been relocated to Bill's Shed.
12. **Toilets:** Nothing to report.
13. **Arisaig Eco-Project:** As funded by the Climate Change Fund this project is now closed. However, Alison O'Rourke has obtained funding for a further 6 months of work. Agreed that Alison O'Rourke and Pamela King attend the AGM to present more information about the Eco Project and the Community Housing project.
14. **Playing Field:** DB commented that the MOWI Salmon wagon scheduled for the Festival of Running would be too heavy to go onto the field and it was agreed it should be sited in the LSIC car park.
15. **Operational Duties:** Nothing to report.

- 16. ACT/ADCC Liaison:** This was discussed when MM was present and she agreed to raise the question of a joint meeting at the forthcoming meeting of the ADCC.
- 17. AGM:** Arrangements for the AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> April were discussed. RB will present the Treasurer's report, SW the General report and PK is to be asked to present a report on the housing project. **Action:** [SW to liaise with PK.](#)
- 18. AOCB:** OB is currently away from Arisaig and was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to other commitments. This state is likely to continue for at least two months. It was agreed that extenuating circumstances exist and OB should be allowed to continue as a Director.
- 19. Date of Next Meeting:** A full Board meeting will be held on completion of the AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> April.

**Meeting ended 8:30pm**