

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

Thursday 30th June 2022 at 7pm
Land Sea and Islands Centre

1. **Board Members Present:** Steve Westwood (SW), David Buick (DB), John Fisher (JF), Jess Logan (JL) Olivia Bridge (OB)(via Zoom)
Apologies: Rosemary Bridge (RB), Zoe Pritchard (ZP)
2. **Declaration of interest:** None
3. **Minutes of last meeting (26th May 2022):** Proposed by DB, seconded by SW.
4. **Matters arising:** None
5. **Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer circulated the financial report to Directors prior to the meeting. With the Treasurer absent there was no discussion and no points raised from the report.
6. **Income Generating Schemes:** It was agreed to go ahead with the proposed shorefront crowd fund raiser. **ACTION JL.** SW agreed to take on the administration of recording donors details and the names they wanted engraved on the new path. It was also agreed to place an article in August's West Word seeking local donors to fund up to 10 memorial benches. **ACTION SW.** SW raised the idea of a 100 Club and JL will talk to RB about setting one up to support the LSIC. **ACTION JL.**
7. **Community Land:**
 - a) **Housing** – there is much frustration amongst Board members about the slow progress of the housing projects planning application and it was generally agreed that Highland Council do not seem to be supportive of the project. Various ideas were discussed to address this and the following actions agreed.
SW to talk to the planning officer, Christine Millard to find out whether there are any underlying issues with the project.
OB to ask RB to talk to Councillor Angus MacDonald to seek his support.
JF to contact our local MP, Iain Blackford to seek his support.
The revised Deed of Conditions circulated by the Housing Project officer, Pamela King, prior to the meeting were agreed by all present.
ACTION: SW to talk to Gary Somers about Board support for PK and the project.
The issue of selling a small piece of land to Andy Cairns was discussed at length and it was agreed to revisit the matter when further plans are available from the architects.
ACTION: PK to seek update from the Communities Housing Trust with respect to increased funding for the project.
 - b) **Orchard** – No updates.
 - c) **Shorefront** – see 6, above..
8. **LSIC:** Rachel Crawley has reported that the hot water tank has failed again. **ACTION: OB** JL agreed to take the lead for the board on the matter of the improvements to be made to the LSIC website using the grant from the Museums and Galleries fund. **ACTION: JL**
9. **Grass Cutting:** DB suggested that there is the possibility of taking over village grass cutting from the Highland Council. **ACTION: DB**

- 10. Toilets:** No discussion.
- 11. Arisaig Games Tent:** It was reluctantly agreed that ACT could not man a tent at this year's games due to lack of resources.
- 12. Arisaig Eco Project:** The ECO Project officer had circulated her report prior to the meeting. No discussion. SW reported that the necessary paperwork has been submitted to SWARCO to raise the cost of a unit of electricity to 50p for the EV chargers.
- 13. Playing Field:** No discussion.
- 14. Operational Duties:**
- a. **HR:** Diane Thompson has now replaced Diane Tarne as a cleaner.
 - b. **Financial:** No discussion
 - c. **Zurich Insurance Policy contact point for renewals/claims:** This role has not been filled since Iain Macniven stood down. OB reluctantly agreed to take it on.
- 15. Bill's Shed:** No discussion
- 16. ACT/ADCC Liaison:** ADCC are now in their summer recess and this matter will be pursued again in the Autumn.
- 17. AOCB:**
- JF agreed to have a look at the ACT website and update it as required. **ACTION: JF**
- DB raised the matter of the Christmas lights which have still not been removed and are in danger of being permanently damaged. It was agreed that no more funding from the Gower Trust should be given for an extension of the lights.
- It was agreed to advertise the two older electric bikes for sale on the local Facebook group. **ACTION: JL**
- 18. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 18th August

Meeting ended at 8:30pm