

SCC Board Meeting  
17<sup>th</sup> April 2017 19:00  
Strontian Fire Station

1. 1. Present: Robert Dunn (RD), James Hilder (JH), David Barker (DB), John Tyldsley - Chair (JT), Louise Cameron (LC), John Jones (JJ), Richard Laybourne (RIL). Apologies: Peter Grubb (PG), Janice Mackinnon (JMCK), Kate Proctor (KP), Chris Millar-Craig (CMC), Kate Campbell (KC)
2. 2. Review of LDO Performance:
  - a. a. Now running drop-in sessions, 1 member of public attended so far.
- b. 3. Minutes Proposed JT, seconded JH
- c. 4. Matters arising: none
- d. 5. Finance Report:
  - e. a. £17,165 in bank. £13,331 ring-fenced.
  - f. b. £100 invoice from Knoydart Foundation as AW using their office.
  - g. c. £1,100 still to pay for tree surgery by September or sooner.
- h. 6. Output One & Three – Capacity Building & Enhanced Employment
  - i. a. Loch Development
    - i. i. Info previously circulated, no further discussion.
  - j. b. Paths, Maps & Trails
    - i. i. Info previously circulated, no further discussion.
  - k. c. Community Woodland
    - i. i. Info previously circulated, no further discussion.
  - l. d. Community Building
    - i. i. Community meeting relatively poorly attended. Feedback is that more will attend once specific projects (community hub, men’s shed, heritage centre etc) kick off.
    - ii. ii. Alistair MacLean / Sunart & District Agricultural Society talking about building an agricultural shed on the show field; how could this be advantageous to the community? How can SCC support this?
    - iii. iii. JH commented that there may be too much focus on a building rather than community needs, e.g. social contact.
    - iv. iv. *It was agreed* that the next steps are to coordinate a series of purpose-specific meetings, starting with a community shed (avoiding the term “men’s shed”). It was emphasised that **IB** should have one-to-ones with likely individuals to canvas ideas, additional members etc. Directors to assist.
    - v. v. A further discussion around social requirements that would assist the wellbeing of the community (e.g. mental health) could be targeted. Could we include AHS pupils, as part of Duke of Edinburgh etc?
  - m. e. Lifelong Learning
    - i. i. Info previously circulated, no further discussion.
  - n. f. Transport links
    - i. i. Info previously circulated, no further discussion.
  - o. g. Housing
    - i. i. Info previously circulated, no further discussion.
  - p. h. Sunart Common Good Fund
    - i. i. PR for awards. **Action: JH/IB** to improve. Ongoing requirement, **IB** working on this.
  - q. i. Umbrella Support for local initiatives
    - i. i. Info previously circulated, no further discussion.

- ii. 7. Assets
  - r. a. Old Schoolhouse Plot
    - i. i. Announcement no longer embargoed. **Action: RIL** to announce on Facebook, with comment that meeting to be arranged later in the year.
    - ii. ii. DB had circulated a proposed approach to keeping an asset register. **DB** to set a meeting date for interested directors to finalise structure and contents.
    - iii. iii.
  - s. b. River Banks & Roadside
    - i. i. Complaint about boughs overhanging Anaheilt road potentially dangerous. RD, DB and member with expertise walked the area and confirmed no specific areas for action, although a number of boughs may need lopping etc. One specific tree identified as may need further attention, although this may belong to HC. One tree on the Back Road has dropped a branch which remains suspended above the track.
    - ii. ii. **RD** chasing pro-forma tree-specific risk assessment from friend in FCS.
    - iii. iii. **JH** to draft general risk assessment form.
  - t. c. Back Road
    - i. i. Comments received about steep slope above river. **RIL** has talked to Eilidh-Ann about responsibilities: users of the land are responsible for their own actions and their own safety, no action/signage/fencing is required.
  - u. d. Village Green
    - i. i. Info previously circulated, no further discussion.
  - v. e. Hydro
    - i. i. Nothing to discuss.
- ii. 8. Output Two – Potential Enhanced Community Facilities
  - w. a. Old Nurses’ Station
    - i. i. Info previously circulated, no further discussion.
  - x. b. Plot of land near High School
    - i. i. Info previously circulated, no further discussion.
  - y. c. Longrigg Woodland
    - i. i. Meeting set for 18<sup>th</sup> April.
  - z. d. Facilities for Elderly
    - i. i. Info previously circulated, no further discussion.
- ii. 9. Output Four – Sustainable Community Company
  - aa. a. Fundraising
    - i. i. AW to circulate fundraising paper.
  - bb. b. Board Development/Strategy Review & Business Planning
    - i. i. JH suggested annual session to review own business plan, finance, direction of travel etc. Aim for something post-AGM.
  - cc. c. Staffing
    - i. i. Admin worker still a requirement.
  - dd. d. Office
- ee. 10. Other Matters
  - ff. a. Fisheries
    - i. i. Nothing to discuss.
  - gg. b. Drimnatorran Farm
    - i. i. Issues remain: discussed as ongoing.
  - hh. c. Mine

- i. i. Nothing to discuss.
  - ii. 11. AGM Preparation
    - ii. a. Publicity
      - i. i. **RD** to put note out to members.
      - ii. ii. **RD** to put announcement in a-frame.
      - iii. **iii.** **DB** to include details in next DtD article.
    - jj. b. Hall booking
      - i. i. **RIL** to speak to Lillian.
    - kk. c. Newsletter
      - i. i. **RIL** to draft. To include invitation to apply for directorship, plus proxy voting form.
    - ll. d. Director retirement
      - i. i. RIL & RD to retire.
      - ii. ii. **Directors** to approach potential new directors.
  - iii. 12. Correspondence
    - mm. a. None
- nn. 13. AOB
  - oo. a. COALAS:
    - i. i. JH had circulated proposed Memorandum of Agreement for relationship with COALAS. Board had commented and approved. JH has sent to Dale Meegan for presentation to COALAS board.
    - ii. ii. Funding bids on behalf of COALAS may (tiny risk, no precedent yet) attract 20% corporation tax for elements outwith our area.
  - pp. b. RD raised the subject of the path to Ardnastang beach. The landowner has been approached and fully supports the proposal to upgrade the path, which is very muddy. IB to discuss cost of possible improvements with Murdo Campbell.
  - qq. c. JH had previously distributed a proposed Moorings application form, **with fees unchanged for this season.** This was approved.
  - rr. d. The Board expressed their thanks to RIL & RD who are stepping down as directors at the end of their 6-year terms.
- ss. 14. Date of Next Meeting: AGM: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, Board: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 19:00 Dail Mhor