

Sunart Community Company Board Meeting

Date: 12th July 2017

Venue: Community Hall

1) Welcome and Apologies:

Attending: J Tyldsley (JT) Chair, J Hilder (JH) Treasurer, D Barker (DB), K Proctor (KP), J Jones (JJ) Secretary, J Madden (JM) J MacKinnon (JMck)

Apologies: P Grubb (PG), L Cameron (LC), K Campbell (KC) C Millar-Craig (CMC), I Baker (IB).

The secretary apologised for his oversight in not booking the room at Dail Mhor.

2) Review of LDO Performance:

a) JJ met with IB to discuss her accrued holidays and how she might record them in future. JJ will discuss with JH.

3) Minutes of Last Meeting: Proposed JT seconded JH

a) JM asked amendment to minutes under item 7a); amendment has been done.

4) Matters Arising:

a) Agreed to change day of meeting to Wednesdays and trialling a 6:30pm start time.

b) Strontian Stores – major licence variation – This additional item was requested. There have been concerns expressed. A discussion ensued and a number of points and questions were raised: with regard noise and disturbance; whether or not it could make it easier for children to obtain alcohol; that a number of directors and members of the community were unaware of the application until Tuesday or Wednesday; why are the on sales until 1am seven days a week?; would 11pm be more appropriate; why are off sales until 10pm when currently at the shop it is 5:30pm; would a table licence be more applicable? It was agreed that the secretary write to the Community Council and for a meeting of the community council where members of the community can attend and voice any opinions and concerns. The Community Council secretary would then still have write to the licensing authority by 5pm 19th July 2017. **Action:** Secretary

5) Finance Report:

a) Bank Account balance as at 12th July 2017 £18,355.83. The treasurer said the company now do online banking, so will bring a list of payments made to each meeting for directors to peruse.

6) Action Plan Update Output 1: Capacity Building:

a) Loch Development: JH had forwarded an email on progress. Progress is slow but in hand.

b) Paths, Trails and Maps: On going, meeting on 18th July 6:30 at Dail Mhor

c) Community Building – Hub, Heritage, Pool feasibility:

i) Pool – next meeting 7pm, 19th June 2017.

ii) Men Shed: see item 8d)

d) Community Woodland: See update

e) Lifelong Learning: none

f) Transport Links: None

g) Housing: None

h) Common Good Fund: Applications are open and Information in the De tha Dol? The application closing date is 1st August 2017

i) “Umbrella” Support for Community Initiatives: None

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7) **Assets**

- a) Old Schoolhouse Plot: JJ asked for this to be deferred as he had not been able to progress the assets "register". However, JJ and DB will meet to organise a review.
- b) Old Road Path – along river from high school: there is an overhanging branch that needs a tidy up – On going

8) **Output 2 - potential enhanced community facilities:**

- a) Old Nurses Station: Mentioned above
- b) Plot of land near High School: on going
- c) Longrigg Woodland: on going
- d) Facilities for the Elderly – Men's Shed: JT tabled a paper on progress. Key points: A visit was made to the Fort William Men's Shed which is proving very successful and has approximately 70 members including 2 women. They receive a grants for funding and a members of the Scottish Men's Shed Association. Our local GP is fully behind this project. The Fort William members have fitted out, insulated and modified their premises which include workshops, storage toilets, including accessible facilities, a kitchen, small library area, computer with internet access and have additional external storage in a shipping container. There are younger members including two who are on the autism spectrum and they attend three days per week to learn skills from a retired motorbike mechanic. JT has approached Douglas at the post office to use his basement but is reluctant as he has an existing tenant. The Men's Shed group are looking for a suitable site to erect a "shed" and have thought of the Old Schoolhouse Plot as there are services close by. JH suggested that we would need to check with the Forestry Commission Scotland as this plot was sold on specific terms and if it the value was enhanced they might want to increase the original cost. JH/JJ will ask IB to check with FC. Other sites were discussed including the Compost site as it appears the Primary school and Scouts are unable to make full use of it. Also the Ashburner plot might be a suitable location and the company might obtain grants, build build two units and lease one. This would future proof things as if the Men's Shed were ever discontinued the unit could also be leased out. The question of insurance and health and safety were discussed and points clarified i.e. the insurance can be done through the Men's Shed Association and there are also rules and guidelines e.g. people can only use the facilities if there are two members present, etc. Members pay a nomination fee of £1 a day, this covers tea and coffee, etc. Grants are available for running costs and there might be sponsorship, too, plus tools or facilities could be borrowed or used for a small fee. There are skills which people have that can be utilised to help train or develop other in the community and it would be open to all in the community. It was suggested that an article be put in the De tha dol? people if they have any suggestions for the siting of the Men's Shed and also the use to which the Old Schoolhouse Plot might be put.

9) **Output 4 – Sustainable Community Company:**

- a) Fundraising – On going
- b) Board Development – JH proposed we hold a day in October
- c) Strategic Business Planning – on going.
- d) Staffing: JJ & JH to meet to discuss
- e) Office - none

10) **Other Matters:**

- a) Fisheries: Noted
- b) Drimnatorran Farm: Noted
- c) Mine: Noted
- d) Tree Surgery: item above noted

11) **Correspondence:** - Two more signatories required JJ and JMack agreed.

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12) **Any Other Business:**

- a) JH mentioned paperwork to JM, for return to the Secretary.
- b) JH Tabled proposed dates for meetings through to May 2018:

Date	Day	Type	Time
12 th August 2017	Saturday	BBQ Show Day	8am – 4:30pm
23 rd August 2017	Wednesday	Board meeting	6:30pm
9 th September 2017	Saturday	Strategic Review & Planning	10:30am – 3:30pm
4 th October 2017	Wednesday	Board meeting	6:30pm
October 2017	Friday or Saturday ??	Fundraiser ??	Evening??
15 th November 2017	Wednesday	Board meeting	6:30pm
1 st December 2017	Friday	Xmas Auction	6.00-9:30pm
10 th January 2018	Wednesday	Board meeting	6:30pm
22 nd February 2018	Wednesday	Board meeting	6:30pm
4 th April 2018	Wednesday	Board meeting	6:30pm
23 rd may 2018	Wednesday	Board meeting	6:30pm

If there are any points we should consider with regards these days then please let the secretary know.

- c) The Strontian Show was discuss and following agreed:
 - i) JT and JH will meet to organise obtaining and purchasing supplies and draw up rota
 - ii) JT will contact volunteers
 - iii) DB will explore obtaining new banner with Community company new logo
 - iv) Denise will loan generator
 - v) JH will organise equipment, including fire extinguisher, pole and tape to isolate the BBQs (Kate provided tape last year)
 - vi) JJ will complete the Agricultural Society application form, and risk assessment

13) **Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th August 2017 at 6:30pm at Dail Mhor**