

Sunart Community Company Board Meeting

Date: 15th November 2017

Venue: Fire Station

1) **Welcome and Apologies:**

Attending: J Tyldsley (JT) Chair, J Madden (JM), K Campbell (KC), K Proctor (KP), J Jones (JJ) Secretary, J MacKinnon (JMck) I Baker (IB),

Apologies: J Hilder (JH) Treasurer, D Barker (DB), L Cameron (LC), P Grubb (PG), C Millar-Craig (CMC)

2) **Review of LDO Performance:**

a) Nothing to discuss this month

3) **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Acceptance of minutes of 4th October 17, proposed by JT seconded by JM

4) **Matters Arising:**

- a) SCSB shares: the SCC have shares and are entitled to a place on the board- In abeyance
- b) C Wright's planning application was turned down
- c) Dr's Surgery and Dail Mhor: Community Council progressing these.
- d) Forestry Commission (FC) Estate – Polloch: FC are offering the car park and a piece of land shown on the map which contains a shed and a cabin which was used for displays, and there is a toilet, which is locked. So people tend to foul the ground behind the cabin. The LDO visited some of the residents and asked views on what these building and the car park might be used for. We need to consider to what use the property and car park could be put or who might lease them. The buildings are in poor shape, deteriorating from the ground up and one, possibly both, have an asbestos roof. The car park and road is in a poor state of repair
- e) Glen Hurich: There appears to be a mismatch in the papers given by the FC to the SCCCompany and those given to the Conaglen Estate. The Treasurer is pursuing this with the FC and is awaiting information from David Jardine.

5) **Finance Report:**

a) The accounts are awaited from the accountants, Clements in Oban, and secretary will circulate upon receipt for directors to agree. [*The SCCCompany address with the Clydesdale Bank needs to be changed. Action: Treasurer*]

6) **Action Plan Update Output 1: Capacity Building:**

- a) Loch Development: On-going. The Tourism Association have been approached and asked if they want to be part of the Marine Tourism for the whole of the West Coast i.e. the Argyll to Skye area and Visit Scotland and Sail Scotland as part of a wider development.
The Tourist Information Centre (TIC) and see the paper and proposal from JH. This was discussed in some detail. The Tourism association members are keen that the Community Company pursue the matter and obtain if possible and the Community Council have also ask the Community company to pursue. The meeting agreed and proposes that the Community Company pursue this and explore options to purchase the TIC.
- b) Paths, Trails and Maps: On-going and the Men's Shed group have been approached to make some benches for various sites around the village and paths

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- c) Community Building – Hub, Heritage, Pool feasibility:
 - i) The secretary had written to Mr Harkiss about the access rights to the plot. Mr Harkiss had replied wanting to arrange to meet but no date has been set as yet.
 - ii) Men's Shed: the title will remain as it is recognised by various groups and there are grants available, tools and equipment available and cheaper insurance for Men's Sheds.
 - iii) Old School House Plot: a paper was presented by IB and previously emailed to directors, was discussed. This proposal includes the erection of a Men's Shed as well as ideas for developing the site. It was agreed that the proposal be taken to the Community Council for their consideration and support. **Action** Secretary
 - d) Community Woodland: See update
 - e) Lifelong Learning: none
 - f) Transport Links: None
 - g) Housing: None
 - h) Common Good Fund: None
- 7) **Assets**
- a) Old Schoolhouse Plot: See above.
 - b) Back Road Path – along river from high school: there is an overhanging branch that needs a tidy up – Inspection of the road and the branch appears to have come down in the high winds
 - c) Composting Site – This is added to the assets item for future inclusion and the shed **Action** Secretary
- 8) **Output 2 - potential enhanced community facilities:**
- a) Old Nurses Station: Matter of parking resolved
 - b) Plot of land near High School: on going
 - c) Longrigg Woodland: on going
 - d) Facilities for the Elderly – Men's Shed: See item above
- 9) **Output 4 – Sustainable Community Company:**
- a) Fundraising – On going
 - b) Board Development – a meeting in October was held to consider future priorities
 - c) Strategic Business Planning – on going.
 - d) Staffing: JJ & JH to meet and discuss with LDOs
 - e) Office – On going
- 10) **Other Matters:**
- a) Fisheries: On going
 - b) Drimnatorran Farm: Noted
 - c) Mine: Noted
- 11) **Correspondence:** - Two more signatories JJ and JMack agreed at last meeting and the bank needs to be informed.
- 12) **Any Other Business:**
- a) **Auction** Auction actions were agreed:
 - i) IB speak to Lillian
 - ii) Music IB; and the School
 - iii) Raffle and action items to JT or direct to the hall
 - iv) Poster JMack
 - v) Speak to CM-C re chairs
 - b) End of year Accounts are awaited from Clements and will be circulated for approval **Action** Directors to email JH on receipt of emailed accounts

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13) **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 6:30pm
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