

Sunart Community Company
Loch Development Working Group -MINUTES

Wednesday 7th February 2018 – 7pm. Strontian Community Fire Station

Apologies: M.Hilder, J.Hilder, C.Evans

Present: I.Baker, J.Jones, L.Cameron, K.Bungey, P.Ford, B.Evans, T.Coldwell

1. Marine Scotland

IB to complete Marine Scotland License – amendment of areas to include moorings by the Strontian River, and to change the name to SCompany.

2. Crown Estate

a. Heads of terms –

i. RENT £380/annum

The members of the group who were part of the Sunart Moorings Association informed the group that this cost is much higher than what the association were charged for the slip way, and what the Highland Council were charged for the Jetty put together.

IB to investigate what the Jetty charges were for Highland Council.

ii. Mooring Fee - £40/mooring due 1st July annually. We are able to install up to 40 moorings. (Marine Scotland License is for up to 26)

iii. Term is 25 years

iv. Start date is tbc, as we do not own the jetty yet.

3. Visitor Moorings

SUPPLY and INSTALLATION

IB presented quotes from North West Marine, Mallaig marine and Ardcharters/EYE.

The group agreed to go with Mallaig Marine and use 2 tonne moorings blocks. Mallaig marine are often in the loch as they manage the moorings for Marine Harvest.

FUNDING

IB to write application to Common Good Fund

Annual Costs – what we need to raise each year

- Crown fees £40/mooring = £120
- Inspection £/mooring = currently unknown (quote from NW marine was £250/mooring but Mallaig Marine would be able to provide a better quote.

DONATIONS

Discussed donation boxes for Visitor Moorings and for use of the Jetty and Slipway. This is to cover overheads and to raise funds for improvement and development of marine facilities and to run activities.

Discussed a 'Friends of Sunart Jetty' where people can donate funds to help with the associated projects and maintenance of the area.

4. Ownership of Jetty Tin Shed and Land

Still held up with the Highland Council / Crown Estate. IB to get in touch with HC and Councillors again.

5. Future projects

The group discussed that the function and purpose of the Loch Development Group is not just about moorings. Future meetings will focus on the wider development of the area and the encouragement of use and activities.

6. Date of Next Meeting - TBC