

Sunart Community Company

Loch Sunart Development Working Group

Minutes of Meeting 15th January 2019, Fire Station

1. Welcome and Apologies

Attending: P Ford, J Jones L Cameron T Coldwell, K Bungey, C Skeath, B Evans,

Apologies: I Baker, M Hilder, K Proctor, J Hilder, C Campbell,

2. Agree minutes of meeting 25th October 2018

Minutes approved BE and Seconded PF.

3. Update of Water Festival

The Water Festival day is now the 12th May 2019. CAOLAS activities are there as for the cancelled September 2018 event.

4. CAOLAS Update

CAOLAS are submitting funding bids, "in the tens of thousands of pounds", for projects for data collection for specific areas though the whole length of Loch Sunart. This information may become publically available at some point. CAOLAS are seeking to establish baseline data on the loch "health". Annabelle Lawrence is liaison person on funding.

There have been unofficial discussions with a member/s of Sunart Community Council who have approached CAOLAS to commission a survey to look as a baseline survey of the head of the loch area. However, CAOLAS cannot undertake act for just one community council area. However, they would be able to offer support and advice. CAOLAS want the Sunart Community Council to consider the importance of surveying their area of the seabed and undertake a survey. It was agreed that this is not something within the remit of this group, and CAOLAS can write to the community council or attend a meeting.

5. SMMAATA

As mentioned above, the Water Festival date is now 12th May 2019, this is to coincide with the tides.

6. Ownership of Land and Jetty

- This item is deferred for a later meeting when we have received information about the jetty and car park area, etc.

7. Mooring Matters

- a. PF has put the entry in Welcome Anchorages.
- b. The three visitor mooring will need ta survey after 12 months i.e. Approximately May 2019
- c. Just for information, one mooring was adrift and the owner notified and John Burton's buoy has been found and is on the shore.

8. Development discussion-

a. How to progress ideas re jetty/ pontoon

The discussion paper produced by Colin Campbell was commented on, an excellent paper, logical and clear options. An item for discussion at a future meeting

b) Coastal Rowing Skiff

If people want to more information of the subject then go to:

<https://scottishcoastalrowing.org> There are a number of rowing skiffs already in the vicinity, for instance Lochaline and Tobermory. The standard skiff has four rowers and a cox. We believe the cost for jigs and materials is about £3,000, then there is the trailer, cover etc which would bring the total cost to about £6,000. The old moorings association as residual money in their bank account and they would be prepared to put this towards the cost. If there was support for the idea locally then it would be necessary to object further funding. There was a discussion about how' where, who when etc. The proposal is to arrange a public meeting for community and invite John Hodgson, (PF to contact) to present Lochaline's experiences. The Water Festival in May 2019 could be an opportunity for Tobermory to bring their skiff for a demonstration and for people to try. This was due to happen last June but had to be cancelled because of a storm. The Men's Shed have someone with experience of boat building and they would be interested in helping if suitable premises can be found.

It was agreed that time was of the essence, and venues for such a meeting were very limited. The proposals is for JJ should contact the Community Council and see if the start of community council meeting on the start 14th February might be delayed by 15-20 minutes so a public meeting starting at 6:45 or 7pm, could be held in the Village Hall. If this is acceptable a notice could go in the De tha dol? and in the notice board outside the shop.

9. Any Other Business

Fees: JJ to send out reminders – carried forward

Date of next meeting TBA