

## Sunart Community Company

**Board Meeting** (Zoom) 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Attending:** J Hilder (JH) Treasurer; J Jones (JJ) secretary, J Tyldesley (JT); Paul Sharples (PS); D Calver (DC)

**Apologies:** D Barker (DB) Chair; J Madden (JM)

**1. Welcome:** D Barker tendered his apologies; J Hilder chaired the meeting. JH welcomed everyone to the meeting and formally welcomed and introduced Becky Drinkwater, who is the Company's newly appointed admin officer (part-time). Becky is working on the Longrigg Woodland leaflet, doing preparatory work for the AGM and looking at the membership records. Initially, her responsibilities will include updating the website and social media, and the admin support for CBF.

**2. Acceptance of minutes** of 21 January 202 Board meeting – proposed J Tyldesley, seconded D Calver.

Minutes of the extra Board meeting re Longrigg Woodland Final Report on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 were noted and it was agreed that the Board formally recommend the buy out to the community.

**Amendments:** None

**3. Updates on:**

**Longrigg Woodland:** As mentioned BD is involved along with JH, JJ, PS and DB with drafting the leaflet and Voting form that will be sent to all households in the area. The meeting proposed to invite J McIntyre and R Dunn to continue their involvement with working on the Longrigg Woodland project, the next phase of which is preparing information and the public consultation.

JJ had met (socially distanced) with Pete Madden to discuss the proposal for the Longrigg Road extraction route, in particular our request to the Ardnastaing Grazings to be allowed to take some of the land just below the Grazing fence line to widen the bell mouth for Longrigg Road and the A 861 junction, thereby allowing timber lorries to turn left towards the Corran ferry. Pete pointed out there is a water main, which supplies the hatchery – this main used to be an emergency pipeline but since the new water main has been installed it is no longer the concern of Scottish Water. Pete wants to emphasise that this pipeline should not be disturbed and our initial measurements indicate that the work on the bell mouth should not affect the pipeline. Pete was supportive and will present the information to the Grazings Committee.

**Oakwoods:** Jane Mellis has been going through the Company stock and accounts to the end of the year. She has been working with Tony Gowland setting up the website and for angling permits to be available for purchase on line. This has involved taking pictures of stock and getting pictures from producers for the items that they want available on line. Lock down is continuing and it may be possible to open some time after Easter. JH asked about training for the volunteers but Tony and Jane will do the logging and sales for now. When everything is all loaded on the website it will need to use the Full Square account, which is our till and inventory system for logging items in and out. JH has paid Tony for setting up the Oakwood website as HIE need the account for payment. The opening hours were mentioned and the insurance for producer's stock when posted out, this will be covered by the Royal Mail postage. Maintenance was mentioned i.e. painting, noticeboards, the TV to

be mounted on the wall. The board want to thank Nigel Traynor for his assistance with sorting the water problem.

**Men's Shed:** JT explained that a larger trailer is needed to move the timber from the late Mr Gibney's shed, which had been donated; some smaller pieces of timber had already been moved. The Men's Shed is locked down currently. The Board want to thank the Men's Shed for the lovely new steps they made for the green shed at the jetty

The water and sewer connection have been processed by Business Stream water and we are awaiting Scottish Water to contact us re a date to do the connection work.

**Loch Moorings:** Nothing to report. JH will submit claim to HIE for cost of the materials and order the concrete i.e. cement and gravel, the timber has been delivered. JH needs details on which additive to use for the concrete as he is having difficulty finding the right information. DC will speak with Michael's father who will know.

**Paths:** We have some money available for purchasing stone for paths: some for the back Road, the Ardnastaing beach path and Longrigg Burn path.

**Fishing/Angling:** No action at this time

**4. AGM preparation:** Notices of the Zoom meeting for 7:30pm 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021. Need to do mailshot and proxy forms, email members (JJ to send BD the members list) Need notices to be posted on line and in the notice board

**5. Website/Communications:** Item included in Oakwood update. Also discussed, the need for us to get up to date with using Google Docs, Drop Box and also how we might use social media i.e. having an Instagram account, having a Facebook photo completion, using a Twitter account, and whether directors should use a Sunart Community Company email address

**6. Assets:** K6 Kiosk – JJ informed the Board that the kiosk in Scotstown has been transferred to the Company. This has been obtained for our community heritage at the request of the Community Council, as they cannot hold assets - however they will support the cost of refurbishing and maintenance. JH suggested we ask the community for ideas for the use of the box and for volunteers to help refurbish and maintain it.

**7. Income generation:** We are awaiting payment from the auction company for the Christmas auction. Currently our sources of potential income are:

- Moorings
- Angling Tickets
- Water Festival – this was cancelled in 2020 & the date for 2021 is still to be arranged as the Year of Coast and Water still needs clarifying as what will happen.
- Burger stall at the summer show (again cancelled in 2020)
- Christmas Fair, auction and raffle
- Oakwoods - although given the limited opening permitted in 2020 the proposal is to leave the income in the Oakwood account
- CBF admin fee

We anticipate a reduction in our income due to the Covid pandemic and extended periods of lockdown.

**8. Finance:** Community Company Current account: £40,797.06 and approximately £15,000 is for Urram/ Dalmhor and will be transferred. The Oakwood account: £5688.14. Community Benefit Fund (CBF) – a meeting will need to be arranged and there is one application pending from Pete Madden for the hatchery – JH to action

*Carried forward:* There is the need to look at the telecom, electric and water suppliers for Oakwood as there might well be better options available.

**9. Staffing:** Nothing to report

**10. AOB:**

- Meeting dates were discussed and are again Listed below
- The De tha dol? is suspended, the AGM notice cannot printed, so will be placed in the notice board and Post Office, and on the website and Facebook page
- The suggestion to have a [donate] button on the website as this would allow for local giving and donations. Also sites like Amazon allow people to donate/ gift to a nominated charity ???

**11. Next meetings:** Monday 7:30pm 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021, AGM for 2019-2020 (Zoom). The list of proposed Company meetings and events for 2021 – April 2022 is below

**Sunart Community Company**

**Meeting Dates for 2021 – 2022**

Month	Date	Day	School Holiday	Comments
January	13 <sup>th</sup> 2021	Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> January	
February	1 <sup>st</sup>	Monday		<b>Longrigg Woodland Report</b> Special Meeting
February	24 <sup>th</sup> 2021	Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> In Service (IS)	
March	22 <sup>nd</sup> 2021	Monday		<b>AGM 2019-20</b>
April	7 <sup>th</sup> 2021	Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> (Easter)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Good Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> Easter Monday
May	19 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	
June	30 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday		
July	28 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday		
August	14 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday		BBQ at Agricultural Show (2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday every year)
<i>August</i>	<i>TBA</i>			<b>Water Festival</b>
		<i>Friday</i>		<i>Ceilidh</i>
		<i>Saturday</i>		<i>Triathlon, Fun activities and BBQ</i>
September	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday		
October	27 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday		AGM 7-8pm; 8-9pm Board (2020-21)
November	24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday		
December		Wednesday		Board and prep for Auction
December		Saturday		Auction
January	19 <sup>th</sup> 2022	Wednesday		
February	23 <sup>rd</sup> 2022	Wednesday		
March	30 <sup>th</sup> 2022			
April	- 2022	Wednesday		

- **Water Festival** date was 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020, what are the proposals for 2020
- **Christmas Market at Oakwood and Tree lights switch-on:** last Saturday is 27<sup>th</sup> November; first Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Which is best?
- **Spring Fair** - Should we hold one? At a time when Covid is past?