

Sunart Community Company Board Meeting

Date: 4th April 2018

Venue: Fire Station

1) **Welcome and Apologies:**

Attending: J Tyldsley (JT) Chair, J Hilder (JH) Treasurer, D Barker (DB), J Jones (JJ) Secretary, C Millar-Craig (CMC), J MacKinnon (JMck) I Baker (IB),

Apologies: J Madden (JM), K Proctor (KP), L Cameron (LC), A K Campbell (KC)

2) **Review of LDO Performance:**

- a) JH explained that IB had attended fire fighter training and so owes SCC 3 days, however, he proposed that this be waved as a supportive employer and a demonstration of our support for the Fire Service; proposal agreed.
- b) Some training needs have been identified and agreed for IB in people and meeting skills and leadership. JH will seek to organise this.

3) **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Acceptance of minutes of 21st February 18, proposed by JH seconded by JT.

4) **Matters Arising:**

- a) Insurance: Cover for the Men's Shed – JJ to speak with Zurich Insurance re cost of extending SCC insurance to cover the Men's Shed.
- b) Funding Paper by A Williams (LDO) – HIE funding is to cease however, JH has contacted HIE re funding and there is a meeting on Friday 27th April 2018 to discuss the new HIE funding and possible new arrangements. Directors are asked to attend this meeting if possible, at 1pm. AW had applied to the Scottish Government fund but without success. The result of a funding bid to SSE is awaited and the Fore Trust is being approached. The Resilience Fund is not relevant.
- c) Community Building – Hub Heritage, Pool, etc: The VIC, at the EGM the proposal to pursue a community purchase was agreed.
- d) Overhanging branches on Anaheilt – it was proposed and agreed that there should be an annual "walk through" to assess what, if any, branches might need trimming in the autumn. Also a suggestion to make an application to the (Common Benefit Fund CBF). IB to ask David Robertson

5) **Finance Report:**

- a) Balance at 4th April 2018 £50,838.59 which includes recent receipts from HIE and CBF.
- b) The annual burger stall covers the general running costs. A £1000 for the Master Planning is still outstanding and though funding was promised nothing has been received. HIE covered the majority of the cost however it is proposed to approach the Community Council for £500 and the community company will pay £500.

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

- a) Loch Development: The three visitor moorings have been laid and are located by the jetty. IB can do an annual update to HIE. IB researched contractor and obtained a very reasonable quote from the company we used. The moorings are advertised in Welcome Anchorages and the LDO will promote. There will be a sign by the jetty requesting donations for use of the moorings and jetty and collection boxes will be available in the usual locations. It will be important to monitor mooring usage as this information is important for future funding applications. The suggestion that a paper on proposal for a "Friends of the Jetty" be prepared by the Loch Group and to include ideas to promote the Loch use e.g. a gala day on the show weekend, etc which is something that SMAATA could promote. Proposed that the Loch Group set up a 'friends' network.

- b) Paths, Trails and Maps: the Paths working groups is looking at updating a leaflet on the local area, points of interest and paths. Murdo Campbell has generously offered his services, free of charge, to sort the issues and complete the Ardnastang path to the beach. The community company is to write to the Forestry Commission (FC) re horse routes and that some access is restricted due to lack of repair or maintenance. It is suggested that riders attend the next meeting.
 - c) Community Building – Hub, Heritage, Pool feasibility etc:
 - i) Mr Harkiss on going
 - ii) VIC – JH and AW spoke with Visit Scotland and there is now access to display posters. A petition is required in support of the application for community purchase; this should be completed within a week.
 - d) Community Woodland: The valuation has been done and the LDO is submitting quotes.
 - e) Lifelong Learning: none
 - f) Transport Links: None
 - g) Housing: None
 - h) Common Good Fund: This has been renamed to the Common Benefit Fund (CBF). A new logo was prepared by IB and discussed and agreed that this should have an “articulate grouping” which IB and CMC will discuss. IB was congratulated on an excellent piece of work.
 - i) Umbrella support for Community initiatives: New Primary School is on going
- 7) **Assets**
- a) Old Schoolhouse Plot: This is now passed over to the Paths Working Group to progress.
 - b) Old road, path along the river: This is now looking good with the daffodils coming through. As mentioned previously, it will need a walk though to assess the branches. Also, bollards were suggested by DB to stop vehicles, as Sat Navs seem to direct cars along this route. JH will speak with KP as she obtained some for the path behind the hotel.
 - c) Composting site: the proposal to get funding for this project was agreed.
 - d) Website: This is now up and running.
- 8) **Output 2 - potential enhanced community facilities:**
- a) Old Nurses Station: this is now off the list as NHS Highland have moved the nurses back in.
 - b) Plot of land near High School: Off the list (?) as nothing is progressing??
 - c) Longrigg Woodland: On going
 - d) Facilities for the Elderly – Men’s Shed: Community company to facilitate the Men’s Shed and run it under the community company
- 9) **Output 4 – Sustainable Community Company:**
- a) Fundraising – on going.
 - b) Board Development:
 - i) AGM booked for a Thursday which clashes with Community Council meeting
 - ii) Directors retiring JH and DB. DB still has another year to run. JH to suggest to community Council that he become the council company representative. JJ to include item on council meeting agenda.
 - iii) Directors to consider possibilities for new Chair as JT will step down as chair though continue as a board member.
 - iv) Date of AGM is currently June but this creates a problem as the company accounts cannot be prepared and audited in time for the meeting so are usually tabled at a later meeting. It is proposed to move the AGM to September or October to give time for the accounts to be prepared.

- c) Staffing: We need to draw up a list of live and produce a paper on potential projects for the next 2 years, for the meeting with HIE to discuss funding
- d) Office – Dail Mhor is opening for day care and meetings so the office will be available.

10) Other Matters:

- a) Fisheries: AGM to nominate JT formally and inform the company.
- b) Drimnatorran Farm: Noted
- c) Mine: Noted
- d) Tree Surgery – Remove as completed.

11) Correspondence: -

- a) Director representative for SC Renewables; DB proposed as the company representative: agreed.
- b) MCM proposed that the company annually should receive a formal minute from the SCR board updating the company of the SCR board members and confirming that SCR are operating with due diligence.

12) Any Other Business:

- a) Board was informed that the parcel of land at the mines is to be put up for sale. JH will contact the Scottish Government to update our expression of interest as seek discussions.

13) Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 6:30pm venue to be notified