

# Sunart Community Company Board Meeting

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Venue:** Fire Station

## 1) **Welcome and Apologies:**

**Attending:** J Tyldesley (JT) Chair, J Hilder (JH) Treasurer, D Barker (DB), J Jones (JJ) Secretary, J Madden (JM), K Proctor (KP), I Baker (IB),

**Apologies:** L Cameron (LC), A K Campbell (KC), J MacKinnon (JMck), C Millar-Craig (CMC)

## 2) **Review of LDO Performance:**

LDO contracts ending at the end of July 2018: Angela Williams will be finishing and do consultancy as and when we have funding bids; Isobel Baker is finishing her current contract and we may need to reduce her hours. **Action:** JH will look at the figures.

**Secretary** to send out NEST Letter to IB and prepare and send termination letters

## 3) **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Acceptance of minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 Proposed JH, seconded DB. Amendment: para 6b) "Old" road to be changed to "Back" road. Also on Standing Agenda, Item 7b) change "Old" Road to "Back" Road; 7c) Compost site add "& Greenhouse"; Item 9b) ii) amend Debbie Carver to Debbie Calver; Item 10c) and 10d) delete.

## 4) **Matters Arising:**

a) 9b) ii) JH spoke with Debbie Calver and Alison Carmichael and JJ with Matt Simpkinson and promised to send information about the community company.

**Action:** JH will prepare a "pack" explaining the role, etc.

b) Item 10c) DB spoke to SCR board about possibility of another small hydro scheme however, they are not interested in a second application and consider there to be little return by way of the FITs. A discussion ensued and KP mentioned there are still a lot of hydro schemes going in at the moment, and JH had information that suggests there is some potential. KP offered to check on the current situation with her contacts.

c) Proposed dates of meeting for next 12 months:

(1) 18/7/2018

(2) 11/8/2018 Saturday (Agricultural Show)

(3) 19/9/2018

(4) 23/10/2018 (Tuesday) including AGM

(5) 30/11/2018 (Friday) Christmas Auction

(6) 5/12/18

(7) 9/1/2019

(8) 20/2/2019

(9) 27/3/2019

(10) 8/5/2019

Please note your diaries.

## 5) **Finance Report:**

a) Balance at 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 is £32,482.74

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

a) Loch Development: The "Sunart Water Festival" is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Secretary contacted Zurich Insurance and the company should be covered for the Teddy Bear's Picnic and burger stall. Proposal for a Loch Festival:  
Approved

b) Paths, Trails and Maps: Are working on the leaflet. The LDO supported to set up the project and the group will now need to be self-managing as LDO time is limited. DB mentioned that the path by the community greenhouse and compost site was

very overgrown, and the weeds around the greenhouse makes the area look very neglected. He volunteered to clear the areas if the board agreed and asked for some assistance. Board agreed to the proposal and JJ volunteered assistance.

- c) Community Building – Hub, Heritage, Pool feasibility etc:
  - i) Mr Harkiss secretary to contact and ascertain the current situation as to whether or not he wishes to sell his plot of land
  - ii) VIC – on-going resubmission of information to Scottish Government being done and a bid for the land fund is ready.
- d) Community Woodland: in hand.
- e) Lifelong Learning: none
- f) Transport Links: JH explained that Care Lochaber has submitted a partnership application for a community car for use for taking people for hospital visits and appointments, using volunteer drivers. It is hoped the vehicle will be garaged and maintained by the Loch Shiel Garage and NHS Highland have helpfully agreed to provide a car which will utilise reduced costs of the NHH car contract. Result of funding bid will be known in the autumn.
- g) Housing: None
- h) Community Benefit Fund (CBF): Awaiting bids for the autumn application round which closes August 2018.
- i) Umbrella support for Community initiatives: New Primary School on going

#### 7) **Assets**

- a) Old Schoolhouse Plot: Passed to the Paths group.
- b) Back road, path along the river: Signs to be erected.
- c) Composting site: See earlier item.

#### 8) **Output 2 - potential enhanced community facilities:**

- a) Community Facilities – Men's Shed: The money has been returned from the NHS and the Men's Shed group have purchased flooring materials. Secretary had explored insurance quotes: Zurich extension to company policy would cost £88.70; though the Men's Shed broker the quote was £280. Board agreed the Zurich policy. Secretary to action

#### 9) **Output 4 – Sustainable Community Company:**

- a) Fundraising – Application to Fore Trust has been rejected, which was not unexpected.
- b) Board Development:
  - i) The secretary had written to Peter Grubb and explained the situation regarding his non-attendance, thanked him for his contributions and explained he could reapply if his situation changes.
  - ii) Potential new directors: JH had spoken to Alison Carmichael and Debbie Carver, JJ to Matt Simpkinson JH will put together an Introductory pack giving information about what is involved.
- c) Staffing: Letters of termination to be sent to the LDOs by the end of June 18 giving one month's notice
- d) Office – On going JH/JJ to ask for access to Dail Mhor office

#### 10) **Other Matters:**

- a) Fisheries: On going.
- b) Drimnatorran Farm: Noted

#### 11) **Correspondence:** -

- a) None.

#### 12) **Any Other Business:**

- a) Village Hall – JJ attended a meeting of the Primary School Transition Project and learned that the Village, which currently supported by the HC Education Dept will no longer receive financial support when the primary school moves to their new

premises in September 2018. JM explained more detail and that the Village Hall committee have been asked to review the charging approach. The Board offered support if it was needed.

- b) Agricultural Show 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018: JT will speak with John McDonald re burger. There was a brief discussion and suggestion the company purchase a generator, and renew the barbeque.

13) **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 6:30pm venue to be notified but either Dail Mhor or the Fire Station