

Sunart Community Company

Loch Sunart Development Working Group

Minutes of Meeting 25th October 2018 at Strontian Hotel

1. Welcome and Apologies

Attending: P Ford, J Hilder, M Hilder, B Evans, K Proctor, C Campbell, J Jones

Apologies: L Cameron, I Baker, T Coldwell

2. Agree minutes of meeting 17th July 2018

Minutes approved with one amendment: item 3a) ii) replace “supervised” with “in attendance”.

3. Clarification of roles

It was agreed that James has many current commitments and due to personal circumstances he will not be in a position to devote as much time, so he will stand aside as the secretary of this group. John agreed to be secretary, with the provision that minutes are kept to a minimum. The treasurer role is with the Sunart Community Company.

4. Water Festival Update

Michelle went through the attached details. The September event water activities were cancelled due to the weather, however the children’s events continued. Whilst a loss of £287.71 is shown this was for equipment and this will be available for future events and activities. The event is scheduled for 19th May 2019 and with the water activities is estimated to make £1,000, which will cover costs in the first twelve months.

All suppliers and contractors contributed their time and attendance at no initial cost

Action: Event booked for Sunday 19th May 2019, post this on the website with application forms for the various activities.

5. CAOLAS news:

CAOLAS are driving a lot of education with schools and Anabel Lawrence is doing awareness to “Blue Planet” like activities.

6. SMMAATA

The project has done an audit of all providers, activities, facilities, and dining in NW Scotland; HIE funded this work. The year 2020 is the year of Coast and Water and Michelle having spoken the HIE and other funders and to Mull, the Small Isles, Tiree. An idea is to have a series events at various locations through the summer of 2020 and to have some form of “baton” or “Olympic torch” which travels from one location to the next where an event is scheduled. Perhaps Starting in Strontian in May 2020 with the Water Festival and returning to Strontian later in the summer for a final event and celebrations. Do we support the idea of Sea, Land and Air?

Funding will need to be investigated more as there may be infrastructure funding available.

7. Ownership of Land and Jetty

This is to be a standing agenda item. JH made a presentation about the SCC acquiring the land, which is also linked with the Teddy Bears Picnic area. And various options and costs with the fees for purchase may need to find £1,500 or more. Action: JH and IB to pursue. There was a further discussion on costs and options for the jetty and CC agreed to prepare an options paper (copy attached) for discussion and action at the next meeting. Further action: JH to go back to:

- Crown Estate to ask if there can be an option to demolish the jetty or change it to a different purpose
- Highland Council to ask if we can acquire the car park and shed, etc but not the jetty
- Prepare an open evening about what we should do with the jetty

8. Mooring Matters

- a. Visitors: 23 boats; 8 pick-ups and mooring £122 collected. Also, Majestic Line have come up and anchored and we could ask for a donation for using the slipway for landing passengers.
- b. Place insert in Welcome Anchorages Action: PF

9. Development discussion- how to progress ideas re jetty/ pontoon

There was a discussion and CC agreed to prepare an options paper of pros and cons

10. Any Other Business

Fees: JJ to send out reminders

The idea of a coastal rowing skiff was made and agreed it is something to explore further. PF to make enquiries

Date of next meeting 5th or 12th December 2018 JJ to liaise with JH & PF