

**Loch Sunart Development Working Group
Note of Discussion - 24th June 2019: 7.30pm
Strontian Village Hall**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Attending: J Hilder, J Jones; Apologies: K Proctor, M Hilder, K Bungey, T. Coldwell

2. Minutes of last meeting (15th April 2019): Accepted

3. Update - Sunart Water Festival 2019: The festival was a big success. Expenditure was £614.66, fees from activities was £1,203.20 producing a profit of £588.54 towards the Loch Development account. With the residue of grants from 2018 the Carried Forward total is £1,300.83. We wish to express our thanks to Abernethy for the wetsuits and all the organisations and local volunteers that contributed to the event.

4. Update - CAOLAS Events / News: No information

5. Updates – SMMAATA (SNH Funding / 2020 etc): no further information from the Visit Scotland Growth Fund Project although meetings are planned for regional events to celebrate 2020 Years of Coasts and Waters.

6. Ownership of Land & Jetty & Licence - Crown Estate/ Highland Council / Marine Scotland: for clarification the Marine Scotland Licence with the Sunart Community Company is in place and has been since 3rd August 2018. The Company has now transferred funds to the solicitor for the transfer of the lease from the Highland Council: £1,260 assignation cost and £596.40 for fees. We expect to become the landowners imminently of the Car park area, shed and Teddy Bears' Picnic. The jetty and slipway will be a 10-year lease. Annual Rental of the Slip and Jetty will be £300 per annum.

7. Moorings Matters: We have received the invoice from the Crown Estate Scotland for £760 and so mooring fees and a call for donations will be issued. Donations of £215 were received last year, for which we are very grateful. There have already been several visitor yachts and these have paid the £10 fees at the Strontian Hotel. J Hilder has repainted visitor moorings V1- V3 and he will order a full new set of registration tags as most are missing. M Calver donated a spare pick-up buoy for V1 and J Hilder will order two more as the other two are missing.

8. Development Discussion: J Hilder had revised the paper by C Campbell and set out proposals for a consultation paper as per April action point. This to form the basis for a public meeting in September/ October 2019. Carried forward the action to contact with HIE for application to fund consultation exercise and for an engineer to develop options. (JH)

9. Rowing Skiff: Carried forward shed costing options. JH had spoken to Peter Ford who agreed to seek costings for a skiff shed. There may be potential to locate a building at the Men's Shed site behind Dail Mhor. Our thanks to Lochaline for bringing their skiff to the Water Festival. The Lochaline group offer people a try on Sundays at Lochaline. For details contact the Morvern Sailing Club

10. AOB: None

11. Date of Next Meeting: 26th August 2019, 7:30pm, Village Hall, Strontian