

Sunart Community Company

Board Meeting 7:30pm Wednesday 11th May 2022 (Zoom)

Attending: J Hilder (Treasurer), K Simpkinson, J Jones (Secretary), P Sharples (Chair), H McDonald, J Madden, J Tyldesley, K Simpkinson, S Traynor.

Apologies: B Drinkwater, The secretary apologised for the oversight in omitting to send an invitation to Sarah Traynor.

It was agreed that Sarah Traynor and Andy Hughes should be invited to attend Board meetings, and to provide updates on the Heritage and Longrigg Woodland projects.

Agenda Items

1. Welcome
2. Acceptance of Minutes of last meeting 30th March 2022 & any matters arising: Minutes approved J Hilder; seconded H McDonald. Delete page 4 “Best regards, Tony”
3. Community Company planning: J Hilder will put together a review of last 5 years and the CADISPA report for the next meeting
4. Update (brief; as required) on:
 - Longrigg Woodland – Andy Hughes and Becky Drinkwater had organised a second visit to the woodland for the working group. Andy and Jake Willis had made an appointment with the FLS and the next step is to obtain an updated valuation. It was agreed that Andy Hughes be invited to future meetings to keep directors updated.
 - Oakwood – the first month of opening and sales have been strong in April 2022. The focus is to get more volunteers i.e. to get more. The wooden tubs have been planted up; the three noticeboards need putting up and items taken to the recycling depot. JH, JT and JJ to organise a work day in May/June. There had been an offer of a display sign from Stephen Marshall which Karyn Simpkinson will explore, together with options for advertising in the noticeboards
 - Men's Shed – No electricity but we have been informed that a date is being arranged and we need to have a trench dug and meter box installed. We will need to ask Tony Burke to contact Octopus Energy to arrange a meter and connection. J Tyldesley mentioned that the “policeman” signs are in hand.
 - Loch/ Moorings – Jetty and Green Shed – On going – J Hilder will organise a working party to replace the beams in the green shed and contact Tim Coldwell re the install of the window for the end of June 2022
 - Paths – Agreed that there should be a re-launch of the group and this should be in the Village Hall.
 - Website/ Communications – Becky
 - Heritage – the Secretary apologised for his oversight of omitting to invite Sarah Madden to the meeting. The open day went very well and was very successful; half the money raised will go to the church. J Hilder updated the group on operating under the Community Company and how to set up cost records and in time money will be banked via the Company. A grant of £3,000 has been approved by the Community Benefit Fund, and the Community Council had provided money for the George Fox archive and there is still a residue of £500 so he suggested that the group buy basic items that they require for the project. James and Sarah had contacted the Minister and the consultants have recommended a community asset transfer, so there should be a meeting in the near future.

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- 5. Assets (standing item) –
The trees on Anaheilt need pruning and it was agreed that J Hilder and J Jones should contact the tree surgeons again to chase up the quotes
- 6. Income generation (standing item) - there will be the Agricultural Show in August, the Christmas Fair and auction and there may be some sort of water activity or event. Thomas Coope has donated £200 as he has taken on one of the redundant moorings
- 7. Finance, including Common Benefit Fund (CBF) & Oakwood
Bank account is £51,952.89; Oakwood £4,54.08
The Community Council had been notified by Cllr Fanet of funding for playparks and Victoria Balnaves-Aiken consulted locally and suggested a swing for the to replace one of the broken ones. J Hilder made an application to the Highland Council Ward fund and obtained £6,000, however a swing is in the region of £16,000. It was agreed that H McDonald will work with Victoria in this matter and J Hilder will forward the documents.
Insurance premium is due £1,148.49 and this is similar to last year. Secretary will try to obtain alternative quote but in previous year Zurich is by far the cheapest and work with the local authority, public body and charity area. Zurich payment approved.
Endowment Fund - J Hilder has received the contract with Foundation Scotland as we have attained the £25,000 threshold to open the fund and receive match funding. There will now be a drive to get donations to try and achieve the maximum match funding of £50,000
- 8. Staff matters (standing item) - Becky and James are due another meeting on 24th May 2022 and the Newsletter and Facebook will be discussed
- 9.
 - DTAS Membership – the membership payment of £90 approved
 - BT Telephone Exchange – BT inform us that the Strontian exchange can't be accessed and will not be coming up for disposal any time soon.
 - Old telephone kiosks – the Polloch box is nearing completion and the drive is for a defibrillator however a power source is needed to keep a defibrillator charged and at optimum temperature and there is no power source available. J Jones will check with Mark Embling and also Gareth Niblock on the progress of the kiosk in upper Scotstown
 - EV charger for the village centre – the last information was that this is to be late summer and Highland Council are dealing with this installation.
- 10. **Date of next meeting:** 22nd Jun 2022 – This will be a review and planning meeting