

Sunart Community Company Board Meeting – 22nd September 2021

Attending: J Jones (Secretary), J Hilder (Treasurer), J Tyldesley

Apologies: J Madden, D Calver, D Barker

The meeting was not quorate so an informal meeting was held.

Water Festival: this has been postponed to 2022. It was hoped to hold this on the same weekend as the Three Lochs Festival, however, this is not possible.

The AGM will need to be deferred and the proposal will be put to the next meeting to defer to January 2022

Becky Drinkwater will be leaving to study a post-graduate degree, so there is the need to advertise for an administrative worker. It will be necessary to re-advertise in November 2021. The proposal is for the administrative worker to assist with the community consultation which is proposed to be done over the winter months. There needs to be a community group to design and organise the questions and consultation process. Possible people to approach are:

- D Anderson
- C Hunter
- E Sneddon-Hughes
- J Hilder
- C Nicholson

Men's Shed: The majority of this meeting considered how to progress the Men's Shed. The Men's Shed will need to be relocated by early 2022 as the current premises will not be available. The following actions were highlighted:

- The application for Water connections have lapsed – JJ to contact Business Stream to extend the application – there will be an additional Scottish Water admin charge
- Electricity connection: D Barker has asked to pass this over to others. JJ has spoken with SSE and will ask D Barker to email SSE to inform them JJ will be the contact. It will be necessary to appoint an electricity provider who will need to install an electric meter within 28 days of SSE installing a power cable to the site. Consideration is needed given the number of small providers who have failed recently due to increased cost of production. Location of the electric meter was discussed as the quotation is for a max of 30 metres cable and the distance required is very close to this maximum distance. Also it is necessary to check with the local Highland Council in Strontian to check about opening a trench along the verge beyond number 12 Dalmhor – JJ to speak with Roy Cattle. A meter box could be located at the boundary so JJ will explore requirements.
- Murdo Campbell can open trenches for water mains and sewer connections. It was agreed JJ ask if he can to the electricity trench and clear the site by moving spoil to the far end of the shed site and levelling so gravel can be laid. We will need to speak to Shaun Corrigan about obtaining gravel for the site.

A working day was proposed for 13th October to cut back hedges and sort the site. JH is available for 8th October and the weekend of 9th & 10th.

Next Board Meeting 27th October 2021 7:30pm (Zoom)