

MINARD COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting 28th April 2014

Present B Barker - MCT
S Orr - MCT Clerk
S Thompson – MCT
A Hay - MCT
M Moncur – MCT Treasurer
K Cogan – MCT Chair

Apologies No Apologies

Public Members S Calderwood
L McNeil
C McNeil
J Dunagan
M Skelton
L Skelton
S Whyte

Forestry Representative Simon Brown

Minutes of Previous Meeting - Matters Arising

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated.

Woodland

Simon Brown reported that a new Management Agreement should be looked into although we had previously been told this would no longer be required. Clarification on the difference between a Management Agreement and Partnership Agreement was sought and described as **Management Agreement** is the working groups and the decision as to who does what. This is done by Helen Watt **Partnership Agreement** is the Legal aspects of the woodland.

Mike Skelton asked how the Management Agreement would work if there was no Partnership Agreement in place. Simon will look into this matter.

Eight areas were identified as requiring work. Two of the areas are in private ownership and the remainder are Forestry Commissions responsibility. The work is scheduled to be carried out in the next week or so. Simon will send Brian Barker and email when the work has been completed. (Map attached)

The trees which are down at the solar alignment are within R Gayre's land. Historic Scotland will contact Mr Gayre and discuss possibilities. It is not clear what other schemes may be involved with this area. It was suggested that a Freedom of Information Request could be made to see if there is a Grant Scheme which is in partnership with the

land owner and if so this would give a date when harvesting should take place. The contact at Historic Scotland is Martin Brown.

As the Brainport Trail is not an official recreational pathway the Forestry Commission do not have funding to maintain it to the standard which would require Health and Safety/Risk Assessment checks.

The deer fencing is about 7/8 years old and it's now no longer required for its original purpose. The agreement will be looked into and if necessary it will be totally removed.

Treasurers Report

There was little change since the last statement.

Solar Panels

It was brought to the attention of the Trust that the Solar Panels in the garden of the Anchorage do not have planning permission. The owner has now applied for Retrospective permission and anyone wishing to object can do so on the Councils web site before the 7th June. A **letter of objection** from the Trust will be done by Kim Cogan as Chairperson.

Car Park - The work has still to be completed and work to clear trees will be done on the gardening day.

Pointing - Sandra had contacted several companies – none of whom replied. Donald Duffy has agreed to look at the problem when the weather improves.

Scottish Water Pipework - It has been agreed that, **if possible engineering wise**, the pipework will be lowered and made to look less intrusive with fencing around it. The brickwork will be cleaned. As rental for the land should be reviewed every 5 years, and it has not been done to date, it was agreed that the rental will increase. It was also felt that as this is not the structure which had been agreed we should try to obtain **a greater than normal** increase in rental.

Kitchen Lino- Margaret will once again try to have it fixed.

Panto - Hopscotch Theatre will be performing in Minard Village Hall on Friday 28th November at 7 pm.

Beach Clean - The Beach Clean is on Sunday 11th May followed by a BBQ.

Gardening Day- Saturday 17th May Followed by a BBQ

MAMSOC- Friday 30th May at 7.30 pm in hall

Kitchen Heater - Still to be done.

Shop- There will be no increase in hours **at the moment, however Mike is installing a till which will be able to gather data** on such things as purchases, times etc. to give a greater overview, **this will be done during the year. The community will then be in a better position to have an informed discussion with Mike about the future of the Community Shop.**

War Memorial- The people awarding the grant require a second estimate for the slab housing the plaque. The War Memorial at Tullochgorm is probably the responsibility of the Local Authority. Once again Leonard has offered to look into this matter.

Medical Practice- WLFCC did not send a representative to a meeting held in Inveraray earlier in the month. The agreement now appears to be that the Lochgilphead Practice will run the Furnace and Inveraray Surgeries. At no time in all the dealings with the Health Board has Minard been considered apart from the WLFCC being asked to attend some meetings. When interviews were held one of the members of the Trust was willing and available to sit on the interviewing panel. When this panel was formed Minard were not included. Alison has contacted the Health Board regarding this.

AOCB

The Ceilidh held on Friday 25th April raised £131.

It was felt that it should be in the minutes that the Trust would like to send their condolences to Kay Owen of Lochgair on the sudden, sad loss of her husband

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 23th **June** at 7.30 Minard Village Hall