

MINARD COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting

Held in Minard Hall Monday 6 February 2017

		ACTION
Present	Brian Barker, Margaret Moncur, Liz Taylor Feeney, Alison Hay	
Apologies	None	
Public in attendance	Lenny McNeill, Cath McNeill, Steve Thompson	
Resignation	The Committee noted Jeannie's decision to stand down and voiced their appreciation for the efforts she had contributed as Secretary. Brian indicated that he had tried to persuade Jeannie to stay on as a committee member, but that after reflection she had decided to continue with her original decision to resign.	
Minutes of Previous Meeting	The minutes of the meeting held on 12 th December 2016 were approved.	
Matters Arising	Initial feedback from the new cleaner Ailsa and hall users has been positive. Comments were made about Ailsa having problems accessing hot water. Margaret to contact Ailsa to check the situation. Question raised as to whether WLFCC web site links to MCT web site. Brian to check this out.	Margaret Brian
Climate Challenge Fund	The CCF was completed and submitted by Margaret and Brian. The funding panel meet on the 7 th and 8 th Feb with announcements of successful bidders in March.	
Windfarm funding	Work on the shop was likely to start in the New Year following the successful bid for replacement windows, doors and external maintenance. Macleods are due to contact Mike. Margaret agreed to chase this up Feedback on the bid to improve insulation of the hall had agreed for the bid to proceed to the next stage, but also asked that the Trust try to seek funding from elsewhere as funds are limited. The bid committee also asked for more detail about plans for the hall. The next bid deadline will be after news of the CCF bid and the next stage bid will be adapted to fit with the CCF outcome Committee agreed to progress a bid to refurbish the bridge on the circuit. Liz agreed to gather information and to start writing the bid. Micro-grants are also available via WLFCC for amounts up to £500.	Margaret Margaret & Brian Liz
Potential projects for funding bids	Agreed to keep a list of ideas for possible future funding bids on an ongoing basis. The consultant from Resource Efficient Scotland suggested several other possible sources of funding including:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low carbon skills fund • Carbon Trust - Green Business Fund • Tudor, Robertson and Weir Trusts <p>Future possible bids relating to the hall could cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heating • kitchen appliances • an emergency generator • development of plans for an extension, including showers etc <p>Other ideas include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a defibrillator for the village (as Lochgair have done) • exercise trail • Brainport trail • parking by the shore • jetty • general improvements to the shore (maybe starting with artist's impression to generate ideas) 	
Treasurers Report	Nothing specific since the last meeting	
Hall and Grounds Report	Nothing specific since the last meeting (excepting discussion of bids relating to the Hall). Regular bookings are as per usual. There were no bookings for one off events.	
Shop Report	<p>A commitment was made at the AGM to hold a public meeting about the future of the shop. Discussion around how this might be structured to encourage a focus on productive actions that can be progressed with the Trust working constructively with Mike and Syb.</p> <p>Agreed to gather ideas via survey for discussion with Mike and Syb before holding a public meeting so that more definite proposals can be presented at a public meeting. Liz agreed to think about a survey using something like Survey Monkey to gather the information.</p>	Liz
Woodland Update	Noted that steps down from the top of the route are not clearly visible anymore.	
Fund Raising	Beach clean likely to go ahead at end of April/early May. Margaret to check details.	Margaret
Actions carried forward	Regarding the Minard Hall Conditions of Use, Margaret advised that she had received the Furnace Hall conditions and these would be used to help update the conditions for the Minard Hall.	Margaret
A.O.C.B	None	
Date of Next Meeting	Monday 20 March at 7:30pm. Venue tbc	