

**MINARD COMMUNITY TRUST**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Held at Seaview, Monday 13 November 2017**

		<b>ACTION</b>
Present	Brian Barker, Margaret Moncur, Liz Taylor Feeney, Alison Hay	
Previous Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 were approved.	
Actions carried forward from previous meetings	Develop draft SCIO constitution – No progress	Brian
	With more activity planned for the Brainport Trail we need to clarify boundaries and responsibilities for different parts of the trail as the Community do not own the land. Brian to check up with Forestry Commission. Alison shared details of two new contacts – Raymond Mundie and Malcolm Wield. Brian to follow up	Brian
	New action – Alison to find a contact for correspondence regarding the field. No update	Alison
	Links with the school/activities involving (eg another pantomime). Agreed to make a contribution (from the restricted fund), e.g. for an entertainer, for party focused on Minard school catchment and surrounding area (e.g. children at Furnace primary or local friends of Minard children). Liz has contacted parents in the village and there may be a volunteer willing to help with this.	Liz
Climate Challenge Fund	On hold until next round	
Windfarm funding	The Committee will continue to seek funds from other sources for rewiring, insulation and heating to complement the funds secured to reroof the Hall.	All
	The feedback on the other two bids was noted and actions agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• repairs to Auchgoyle Burn Bridge on the circuit to improve safety and ease access</li> <li>• immediate repairs at certain locations on the Brainport Trail plus development of plan for future works</li> </ul>	
	We need to confirm details of ownership of the Auchgoyle Bridge and land either side. Still no clarity on this and nearest neighbours unable to provide more detail. Alison to talk to David Fyfe-Jackson to see if he can recall any info. Margaret to continue to progress with the Council.	Alison/ Margaret
	Liz has spoken to Laura & Mike Skelton who had expressed concern regarding the Brainport Trail. Mike was involved in the original work to create the Trail and might be able to provide some insights to help with future plans. Liz to follow up with Mike.	Liz
	The committee expressed their thanks to WLFCC for the windfarm micro grant of £263 that enabled the Trust to replace the water heater in the Hall.	

	<p>Consideration now needs to be given to future bids up to £500 (via WLFCC). Examples could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• strimmer and other gardening equipment</li> <li>• paint</li> </ul>	Margaret
Potential projects for funding bids	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low carbon skills fund</li> <li>• Carbon Trust - Green Business Fund</li> <li>• Tudor, Robertson and Weir Trusts</li> </ul> <p>Future possible bids relating to the hall could cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heating</li> <li>• kitchen appliances</li> <li>• an emergency generator</li> <li>• development of plans for an extension, including showers etc</li> </ul> <p>Other ideas include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a defibrillator for the village (as Lochgair have done)</li> <li>• exercise trail</li> <li>• Brainport trail</li> <li>• parking by the shore</li> <li>• jetty</li> <li>• general improvements to the shore (maybe starting with artist's impression to generate ideas)</li> <li>• roof on the shop</li> <li>• equipment for groups – e.g. for exercises to improve strength, balance and conditioning</li> </ul>	
Treasurers Report	Funds are healthy.	
Hall and Grounds Report	Three quotes now in for re-roofing the hall. Agreed to ask for all contractors to confirm details by end of November so that a decision can be made and details sent to Foundation Scotland. Agreed that final decision to be made by e-mail to enable work to progress.	Margaret
Shop Report	<p>Painting work completed on the shop. Brian has contacted Mike and Syb to see if the Post Office will refresh the signage. Need to organise an event to celebrate the new look shop, publicly thank the wind farm fund and report results of the first survey.</p> <p>Macleods still have to replace the downpipe at the rear of the shop. Brian to arrange painting at the rear once weather improves.</p>	tbc
Woodland Update	<p>Feedback on wind farm fund bid noted. More detailed work needed to plan an approach for the Brainport Trail.</p> <p>We now have data from the footfall counter. Now need to progress the residents' survey and make contact with other stakeholders.</p> <p>Discussion not progressed in detail – agreed to see outcome of next survey</p>	

Community Surveys	<p>Liz has example questions for path networks. Agreed to focus next survey on the circuit around the village, including the bridge over Auchgoyle Burn. Liz to draft the survey and Alison will distribute to houses around the village. The survey will also include adverts for the AGM and invitations for people to join the committee. Progress delayed on this, but aim to have ready before AGM</p> <p>Possible future topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• energy efficiency (to support CCF bid)</li> <li>• ideas/volunteers for social events and activities (need highlighted in comments from the shop survey)</li> </ul>	Liz/Alison
Fund Raising / Other activities	<p>Links with the school/activities involving (eg another pantomime). Liz to approach Lesley to see what we could do (including using some of the restricted funds for activities with children).</p> <p>Ideas for other activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• yoga sessions</li> <li>• restricted fund from playgroup – potentially do something for parents and children, repeat the pantomime</li> <li>• art related activity – potentially link with Art Class or Artmap Argyll.</li> <li>• poster competition in advance of beach clean to encourage children to be involved</li> <li>• help promote the informal walking/jogging group that is meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays.</li> <li>• 'village outing' to a whisky tasting at Cadenheads in Campbeltown</li> </ul>	
Xmas tea for older residents	Provisional date for retired villagers set for 1 <sup>st</sup> December. Alison and Liz are approaching potential entertainers.	All
AGM	<p>Agreed to hold the AGM at 7:30 pm in the village hall on Monday 4 December.</p> <p>Accounts being audited at present.</p> <p>There are potentially two new directors who may join the management committee at the AGM.</p> <p>At previous AGMs the entire committee has stood down and been reappointed, but only one third have to stand down. One committee member needs to stand down this year. Brian offered to stand down and is happy to be reappointed – Margaret and Alison were happy to propose and second.</p>	Margaret
Web site	Minard.org.uk web site now registered and <a href="mailto:info@minard.org.uk">info@minard.org.uk</a> e-mail address set up. There is potential to add other e-mail addresses as required – e.g. for projects, hall etc.	
A.O.C.B	Noted new noticeboard now fitted and looking much better. Additional keys to be cut, although Alison now also has a key	
Next Meeting	Monday 8 January at 7:30pm at Seaview.	