

MINARD COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting

Held at Seaview, Monday 8 January 2018

		ACTION
Present	Brian Barker, Margaret Moncur, Liz Taylor Feeney, Alison Hay, Fred Bruce	
Previous Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 13 th November 2017 were approved.	
Actions carried forward from previous meetings	<p>Develop draft SCIO constitution – No progress</p> <p>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.</p> <p>New action – Alison to find a contact for correspondence regarding the field. Fred suggested Jolyon Gritten from the Council who had provided significant help with the paths in Lochgair. Jolyon is also able to help identify landowners, which will help with Brainport Trail and the bridge over Auchgoyle Burn. Alison to make contact with Jolyon.</p> <p>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. No progress – carry forward</p> <p>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). Hopscotch Panto are possibly available for next year. Liz to talk with Karen Taylor to see if there is interest in this. Booking will have to be made soon to ensure availability.</p>	<p>Brian</p> <p>Fred</p> <p>Alison</p> <p>Alison/ Margaret</p> <p>Liz</p>
Items from AGM	<p>Main item to pick up for the AGM was the concern about appearance and health and safety risk of the deer fencing around the enclosure at the Brainport Trail.</p> <p>Fred has a contact at Forestry Commission who may be able to progress this and there may also be help available form ACT (Argyll & Isles Coast & Countryside Trust). Fred to explore what support I available.</p>	Fred
Climate Challenge Fund	On hold until next round	
Windfarm and renewables community benefit funding	<p>The Committee will continue to seek funds from other sources for rewiring, insulation and heating to complement the funds secured to reroof the Hall.</p> <p>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. No update – carried forward.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Liz</p>

	<p>Future bids for the WLFCC for the windfarm micro grant could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strimmer and other gardening equipment • paint <p>A hydro scheme on Loch Awe has a community benefit fund with funds available for community buildings with a deadline for bids of end of March. Minard falls within the relevant postcode areas. Details of the fund are at https://www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/1304</p>	
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"> • 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) • roof on the shop • equipment for groups – e.g. for exercises to improve strength, balance and conditioning 	
Treasurers Report	Funds are healthy.	
Hall and Grounds Report	Margaret presented a comparison of the three bids. To re-roof the hall. There are some minor questions to confirm with one bidder before a final decision is made. Margaret will confirm the details and circulate the final figures for a decision by e-mail.	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 and publicly thank the wind farm fund.</p> <p>Agreed to seek quotes for reroofing and insulating the shop roof (where the Trust has a 1/3 responsibility). The cost of the work is likely to be within the bid limit for the Loch Awe hydro community benefit scheme. Brian already has a quote from one company and agreed to also seek quotes from wo other local businesses.</p> <p>Margaret and Brian to work on the funding bid once quotes are received.</p>	<p>Tbc</p> <p>Margaret/ Brian</p>
Woodland	See earlier comments about removing fencing to be progressed by	

Update	Fred.	
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 hoping to progress soon.</p> <p>Possible future topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • energy efficiency (to support CCF bid) • ideas/volunteers for social events and activities (need highlighted in comments from the shop survey) 	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"> • yoga sessions • restricted fund from playgroup – potentially do something for parents and children, repeat the pantomime • art related activity – potentially link with Art Class or Artmap Argyll. • poster competition in advance of beach clean to encourage children to be involved • help promote the informal walking/jogging group that is meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays. • ‘village outing’ to a whisky tasting at Cadenheads in Campbeltown <p>Fred also suggested the restorative justice team as a source of possible help – e.g. for gardening, painting etc.</p>	
Xmas tea for older residents	The meal and entertainment was very well received	
Web site	No new news	
A.O.C.B		
Next Meeting	Monday 5 March at 7:30pm at Seaview.	