

MINARD COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting

Held at Seaview, Monday 5 March 2018

		ACTION
Present	Brian Barker, Liz Taylor Feeney, Alison Hay, Fred Bruce	
Apologies	Margaret Moncur	
Previous Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2018 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. No progress so far.</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. Karen is unable to help with organising activities due to other commitments. Lesley is able to help with the panto.</p> <p>Help with woodland paths etc may be available from ACT (Argyll & Isles Coast & Countryside Trust). Fred to explore what support I available.</p>	<p>Brian</p> <p>Fred</p> <p>Alison</p> <p>Liz</p> <p>Fred</p>
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>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. Carried forward</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Liz</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	Agreed to go ahead with bid from Argyll Roofing Company. Margaret to pass details to Foundation Scotland to get approval to go ahead.	Margaret
Shop Report	<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 two other local businesses. On hold pending as need to prioritise activities around future of the shop.</p> <p>Margaret and Brian to work on the funding bid.</p> <p>Discussion focused on the fact that there were no viable bidders to take on the shop and post office and so the shop will close on 13 April. Agreed to hold a community meeting on Wednesday 21 March to focus on the suggestions showing most promise from the initial consultation. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • find another business tenant • run a community hub where different people or groups can hire out the space • refurbish and return to a flat to let out • sell and use the funds to support other activities in the village <p>The 'shop' space needs to cover its costs and earn income to support operation of the village hall.</p> <p>Agreed that there should be a gesture/gift from the community to recognise that Mike and Syb have kept the shop running for 12 years past eth closure of the original shop. Alison to organise</p>	<p>Margaret/ Brian</p> <p>All</p> <p>Alison</p>

Woodland Update	<p>Fred to contact the Forestry Manager regarding removal of the old deer fencing around the Brainport Trail as this is now a hazard in places.</p> <p>Steve has replaced the chicken wire on the bridge over Auchgoyle Burn. Liz to pass on thanks.</p>	Fred Liz
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. Final comments made on survey and now ready to go.</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>	
Web site	No new news	
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Next Meeting	Monday 16 April at 7:30pm at Seaview (tbc)	