

## MINARD COMMUNITY TRUST

### Minutes of Meeting

Held at Seaview, Monday 16 April 2018

		<b>ACTION</b>
Present	Brian Barker, Liz Taylor Feeney, Alison Hay, Margaret Moncur	
Apologies	Fred Bruce	
Previous Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 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 – carried forward</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>Liz has booked the Panto for Friday 23 November.</p> <p>Help with woodland paths etc may be available from ACT (Argyll &amp; Isles Coast &amp; Countryside Trust). Fred to explore what support is available – carried forward. [NOTE: SSE have made some improvements on the path by Auchgoyle Burn following recent works in the village.]</p>	<p>Brian</p> <p>Fred</p> <p>Alison</p> <p>Fred</p>
	Main focus of this meeting was with regard to the Shop and related matters following the public meeting and imminent closure of the shop.	
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 &amp; 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"> <li>• strimmer and other gardening equipment</li> <li>• paint</li> </ul> <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 <a href="https://www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/1304">https://www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/1304</a>.</p> <p>All items above 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"> <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. With the loss of income for from Shop rental we now need to plan more carefully. There are sufficient reserves to allow time to consider different options.	
Hall and Grounds Report	<p>Progress with the Post Office has been slow to establish a Post Office service in the village hall. Delays mean that there will be a gap between the shop closing and the new arrangement opening. This process had gone much slower than planned, principally due to issues with the sub-contractors used by the Post Office to establish phone and IT connections to the Hall. Income will be £20 per week – Brian to pass Kenny Soudan's contact details to Margaret.</p> <p>Margaret also reported that someone working on one of the houses nearby had spilled a large quantity of paint on the hall car park that had taken Colin some time to clear up.</p> <p>There is water running across the hall car park during heavy rain. Agreed to look at installing a drain once works are completed on the Hall roof. Works on the hall roof due to start on Monday 14 May.</p>	Brian
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>There was good attendance at the public meeting organised to discuss options for the hall. There was good discussion and some new ideas worth considering – for example if the Trust finds itself in a</p>	Margaret/ Brian

	<p>position where an asset needs to be sold it may be better to keep the shop and sell the hall as the shop is in a central location and of a more manageable size.</p> <p>Discussion on the output of the public meeting and other relevant factors, such as possible investment required, agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trust tries to find another business tenant to secure ongoing income for the Trust</li> <li>• That the shop space be available for let for community use as a 'Community Hub'.</li> </ul> <p>Margaret to check with insurers, utilities etc that the Trust is billed as appropriate and to check insurances is in place.</p> <p>Some cosmetic tidying up of the exterior necessary (e.g. signage and painting). Agreed to meet at the shop on 27<sup>th</sup> April [later changed to 30<sup>th</sup>] to check what needs to be sorted on the interior.</p> <p>Margaret offered to keep an eye out for furniture disposal from the Council that could be used in the shop – e.g. meeting table/chairs.</p> <p>Details to be shared on the web site and Facebook.</p> <p>Also need to arrange an 'opening' of the new set up for the Shop – probably a good idea to link with the opening of the new post office.</p>	<p>Margaret</p> <p>Brian</p>
Woodland Update	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 – carried forward	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. Final comments made on survey and now ready to go.</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> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'village outing' to a whisky tasting at Cadenheads in Campbeltown</li> </ul> <p>Fred also suggested the restorative justice team as a source of possible help – e.g. for gardening, painting etc.</p> <p>Fundraising is now a much higher priority given the drop in income with the shop closing.</p>	
Web site	No new news	
Events	Beach Clean on the shore 11am on Sunday 20 May. Liz to ask the school if they could create a poster.	Liz
A.O.C.B		
Next Meeting	At the Shop – 27 April [later changed to 30 April]	