

MINARD COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting

Held at Seaview, Monday 2 July 2018

		ACTION
Present	Brian Barker, Liz Taylor Feeney, Alison Hay, Margaret Moncur, Fred Bruce Also attending – Jason Copestick, WLFCC	
Apologies		
Previous Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 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>Alison to find a contact for correspondence regarding the field. Fred suggested Jolyon Gritten from the Council who is able to help identify landowners, which will help with Brainport Trail and the bridge over Auchgoyle Burn (the Trust owns land on the south side). Alison to make contact with Jolyon. No progress so far.</p> <p>Help with woodland paths etc may be available from ACT (Argyll & Isles Coast & Countryside Trust). Fred to explore what support I available – carried forward.</p>	<p>Brian</p> <p>Fred</p> <p>Alison</p> <p>Fred</p>
Minard foreshore/slip	<p>Adrian Anderson sent apologies for the meeting. Decided to continue discussion to clarify the Trust's approach towards Adrian's desire to create a business operating from his shed on the foreshore. Agreed the following points/actions following detailed discussion.</p> <p>1 – to refresh signage at the shore so that ownership of the shore is clear, but also to highlight expected behaviours – e.g. keep access to sheds free, no camping, keep tidy etc. Alison to draft wording.</p> <p>2 – offer to Adrian to remove trees at end of shed so that he can relocate the doors to improve access.</p> <p>3 – important to maintain community access and avoid impression of fenced off/demarcated areas. (All land around the sheds is owned by the Trust.)</p> <p>4 – exclusive access to parts of the foreshore would only be permitted with a lease agreed with the Trust (similar to the arrangement the Trust has with Scottish Water)</p> <p>Brian to contact Adrian with summary of key points agreed.</p> <p>Also discussed the need to do some 'gardening' by the Scottish Water site.</p> <p>Agreed to prepare applications for wind farm micro grant for signage, tree felling and works at the shore.</p>	<p>Alison</p> <p>Brian</p> <p>Margaret & Brian</p>

<p>Windfarm and renewables community benefit funding</p>	<p>The Committee will continue to seek funds from other sources for rewiring, insulation and heating to continue the work on 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.</p> <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> <p>All items above carried forward</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Liz</p>
<p>Potential projects for funding bids</p>	<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 • general improvements to the shore – parking, jetty etc • roof on the shop • equipment for groups – e.g. for exercises to improve strength, balance and conditioning 	
<p>Treasurers Report</p>	<p>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.</p>	
<p>Hall and Grounds Report</p>	<p>Post Office is now open in the Hall on Friday's from 2-4pm. The first week was 22 June. Margaret to follow up with Kenny Soudan re hire fee (£20/week).</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. Roof work now complete – just have to arrange moving excess slates form the Hall car park to the rear of the shop. Volunteers to gather at 9am on 7 July at the Hall.</p> <p>Both of the above highlighted on Facebook page.</p>	<p>Margaret</p> <p>All</p>
<p>Shop Report</p>	<p>Bryan Crawford has passed on details of a company who would be interested in purchasing eth good slates removed from the Hall roof. This funding together with the excess slates could cover the work required to reroof the rear of the shop. Brian has asked Bryan for an updated quote.</p>	<p>Margaret/ Brian</p>

	<p>There has been no progress finding a new tenant for the shop and issues with the alarm need to be resolved (Brian following this up with the Post Office).</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>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>	Margaret
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"> • 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> <p>Fundraising is now a much higher priority given the drop in income with the shop closing.</p>	
Web site	No new news	
Events	<p>Beach Clean went well and funds now received. Thank you to all the volunteers who took part.</p> <p>Next event Saturday 7 July – moving slates form village hall to area behind the shop and moving wood for bonfire on the shore.</p>	
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