

MINARD COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting

Held at the old shop, Monday 27 August 2018

		ACTION
Present	Brian Barker, Liz Taylor Feeney, Margaret Moncur, Fred Bruce	
Apologies	Alison Hay	
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>Brian had e-mailed Adrian with details of the offer of support for the foreshore and had spoken to him on the phone following that. Explained that the Trust could apply for grants for some of the work, but he didn't want to progress that at present.</p> <p>Adrian owns the land under the shed, with surrounding land owned by the Trust. Need to monitor situation as conditions laid out by the Trust need to be respected.</p> <p>Funding secured from the small grants fund of WLFCC for the signage for the shore. Brian to progress order for the sign.</p> <p>Also discussed the need to do some 'gardening' by the Scottish Water site. Brian to contact John Hay to see if there's some voluntary support to help draw up outline plans. Possible bid to get more detailed planning – especially on planting scheme.</p> <p>Crown Estates are a potential funder for improvements on the foreshore as they support improvements towards 2020 when there will be a year of activities focused on activities on the water. Fred to provide more details</p>	<p>Brian</p> <p>Brian</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 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>All</p> <p>Liz</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>	
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 • 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 	
Treasurers Report	<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>	
Hall and Grounds Report	<p>Need to raise invoices for Hall hire for the post office service</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.</p> <p>Thanks to all involved for helping move the unused slates from the Hall. The company suggested by Bryan as possible buyer for the slates has not responded to e-mail. Will look for local buyer</p>	<p>Margaret</p> <p>All</p> <p>Fred</p>
Shop Report	<p>Bryan Crawford has estimated that value of excess materials from work on the Hall is approx. £1,600 which is approx. 1/3 of the cost of the works in the original quote. Agreed to go ahead with the work on the rear roof of the old shop the materials forming the Trust's contribution to the work and Becs and Brian paying the cash element. Brian to contact Bryan.</p> <p>The small grants fund from WLFCC has allocated £500 to freshen up the shop. Margaret awaiting quotes to upgrade the flooring (probably focusing on the kitchen/toilet area and deep clean for the main shop). Liz to follow up with the alarm company as Brian has not had any response (if unsuccessful will have to remove the alarm system). Fred to talk with local decorator about options for dealing with the</p>	<p>Brian</p> <p>Margaret/ Liz/Fred/ Brian</p>

	<p>uneven surface of the current walls. Brian to find more info on acoustic panels to cut down noise.</p> <p>Also need to keep weeds in check in front of the old shop. Brian happy to continue cutting the grass.</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"> • 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	Pantomime – need to finalise planning and promotion	Liz
A.O.C.B	Discussions are ongoing regarding forming a path to Crarae. Fred to keep committee updated. Also potential to extend Hall car park.	Fred
Next Meeting	tbc	