

MINARD COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting

Held at Seaview, Monday 14 January 2019

		ACTION
Present	Alison Hay, Brian Barker, Liz Taylor Feeney, Margaret Moncur, Fred Bruce	
Apologies		
Previous Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 27 August 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 (ACHA possibly owns land on the south side). Alison to make contact with Jolyon. Carried forward</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>Sign now erected on the foreshore. Thanks noted to funding from the A'Chruach Windfarm small grants available via WLFCC.</p> <p>John Hay is the final stages of preparing plans to make changes at the foreshore/launch site to improve parking and make more space for boat launches. Fred liaising with John and WLFCC. Plans to be shared for public comment, including at AGM, before bid is submitted to the wind farm fund. Committee to agree plans before they are shared publicly.</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. Carried forward.</p> <p>Comment made about damage to a tree opposite Lower Achagoyle. just south of the bus stop. The tree is on land owned by the Community Trust. Brian to check with neighbours at Lower Achagoyle whether anyone saw who damaged the tree.</p>	<p>Fred/All</p> <p>Fred</p> <p>Brian</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>Agreed to progress microgrants for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional chairs for the Hall • A sign for the village hall • Panel heaters for the shop <p>Other possibilities included training costs for setting up a Nordic Walking Group and first aid training.</p>	Liz Brian ??
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 as there is a projected shortfall for 2018/19. There are sufficient reserves to allow time to consider different options.</p> <p>Income now coming in for rental of Hall for Post Office service on Fridays. Unclear how long this service will stay in place.</p>	
Hall and Grounds Report	<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. Possible to include with ground works at the foreshore?</p> <p>Recovered slates from the hall reroofing were purchased by Mungo Sinclair for £200.</p>	Fred
Shop Report	<p>Work on the roof at eth rear of the shop is due to start this week. Brian to liaise with the contarctors.</p> <p>The small grants fund form 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</p>	Brian Margaret/ Liz/Fred/ Brian

	<p>shop). Fred to talk with local decorator about options for dealing with the uneven surface of the current walls. Brian to find more info on acoustic panels to cut down noise.</p> <p>No joy with contacting the company that used to maintain the alarm system. Alison has a local contact who is a qualified electrician who might be able to remove the alarm.</p>	Alison
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. No progress as Forestry contact keeps changing. Fred to persist	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. 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 – approx. 70 people attended. Very positive feedback. Agreed to repeat later this year and to make booking now.	Liz
AGM	Agreed that date of next AGM will be Monday 18 February at 7:30pm in the Hall.	
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. Carried forward	Fred
Next Meeting	tbc	