

MINARD COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting

Held at Seaview, Friday 22 March 2019

		ACTION
Present	Alison Hay, Brian Barker, Margaret Moncur, Fred Bruce	
Apologies	Liz Taylor Feeney	
Previous Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2019 were approved with all actions carried forward to the next meeting so that the meeting could focus on the proposals for the foreshore and the hall car park	
Actions carried forward from previous meetings	<p>Develop draft SCIO constitution – carried forward</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>Brian</p> <p>Fred</p> <p>Alison</p>
Minard foreshore/slip	<p>Agreed to progress two applications to the A'Chruach Community Benefit fund:</p> <p>1 – approx. £10k for works to improve the hall car park</p> <p>2 – an initial outline bid for approx. £50k for the foreshore, with a need to identify other funding as the community benefit fund is unlikely to fund all the works and the Community Trust is unable to fund the balance from reserves</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>Fred/All</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>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 	<p>All</p> <p>Liz</p> <p>Liz Brian</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel heaters for the shop <p>Other possibilities included training costs for setting up a Nordic Walking Group and first aid training.</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 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>Reconfirmed that hire rates for the hall are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £5 per hour for community use £15 per hour for hire by non-community organisations Daily rate for elections as agreed with the Council 	Fred
Shop Report	<p>Work on the roof at the rear of the shop is complete</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). 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. Carried forward</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>	<p>Margaret/ Liz/Fred/ Brian</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. Head Forester locally has moved on and looks like there will be more progress</p>	Fred

	Fred also talking to Paths For All and ACT (Argyll & Isles Coast & Countryside Trust) about potential to improve the Brainport Trail	
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>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. Carried forward	Fred
Next Meeting	tbc	