

MINARD COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting

Held at Seaview, Monday 1 July 2019

		ACTION
Present	Alison Hay, Brian Barker, Margaret Moncur, Fred Bruce	
Apologies	Liz Taylor Feeney	
Previous Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2019 were approved	
Actions carried forward from previous meetings	<p>Develop draft SCIO constitution – 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>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. Approved, can now progress with the detailed planning.</p> <p>2 – an initial outline bid for approx. £50k for the foreshore. Outline bid turned down – windfarm fund unlikely to commit more than £25k, so need to explore alternative sources.</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. Carried forward in Liz's absence</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>	<p>All</p> <p>Liz</p> <p>Liz Brian ??</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. Election income has helped offset part of the projected shortfall, There are sufficient reserves to allow time to consider different options.</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 	
Shop Report	<p>Fred is progressing internal decoration</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. Carried forward.</p> <p>The shop closed 15 months ago and there is no sign of a commercial let. Shop is currently a burden on the Trust and discussion focused on how to make progress.</p> <p>Agreed that a commercial let is unlikely even with a reduce rate – so alongside still being open to these opportunities the Trust will progress options to convert the shop into a residential let.</p> <p>Stage 1 – prepare plans suitable for planning application for mid September (John Hay has volunteered to do this)</p> <p>Stage 2 – apply for planning permission for change of use and building warrant</p> <p>Stage 3 – fundraise to complete the conversion</p>	<p>Alison</p> <p>John</p>

	<p>If the Trust is unable to fund a conversion by the end of 2020, the Trust will start the process of selling the shop (which is likely to be more valuable with planning permission for change of use).</p> <p>Brian to produce Home Energy Scotland private landlord report to identify options for upgrading the energy efficiency rating to comply with minimum standards that take effect in April 2020.</p>	Brian
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 no progress until Forestry Commission restructuring is complete.</p> <p>Fred also talking to Paths For All and ACT (Argyll & Isles Coast & Countryside Trust) about potential to improve the Brainport Trail</p>	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 now ready to go. Carried forward in Liz's absence</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	<p>Pantomime booked for later in 2019. Date tbc</p> <p>A separate informal group has formed, with Liz as main link with committee, to look at planning events etc in the village.</p>	Liz
A.O.C.B	Discussions are ongoing regarding forming a path to Crarae. Fred to keep committee updated. Carried forward	Fred
Next Meeting	tbc when plans for shop conversion are ready	