

MINARD COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of AGM Meeting held in Minard Hall

Monday 18th February 2019 at 7.30pm

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| Present | Brian Barker, Margaret Moncur, Alison Hay, Liz Taylor Feeney, Fred Bruce (committee members) Steve Thompson, Lenny McNeill, Jan Allison-Norman, Becs Barker | |
| Apologies | John Taylor, Karen Taylor, Craig Feeney, Kim Cogan, Colin Moncur, Anne Thompson, John Hay | |
| Minutes of Previous Meeting | Minutes of last AGM were proposed by Alison Hay and seconded by Becs Barker. | |
| Matters Arising | None | |
| Chairpersons report | <p>Activities organised by the Trust</p> <p>Beach Clean and the Christmas meal are regular events that have continued.</p> <p>Restricted fund used for activities for children to pay for the panto. This was very popular and will do so again this year.</p> <p>As with last year, the Management Committee made a conscious decision not to organise other activities and has focussed attention on facilities so that others can organise activities.</p> <p>Village walks</p> <p>Still trying to progress these – circuit around the village and Brainport Trail. Particular difficulties with get clear information on ownership of the land – has been an issue with the bridge over Auchgoyle Burn.</p> <p>Village Shop</p> <p>This AGM covers the period up to end of March 2018. The accounts presented by Margaret still show the regular income from the lease to Mike and Syb. We've had some interest in the shop, but nothing has materialised.</p> <p>The loss of income means that the Trust is likely to make a loss this year. This is not an immediate threat, but if nothing changes the Trust will have to review whether the shop is an asset or liability. If the post office arrangement ends, this situation becomes more critical.</p> | |

The post office is still running on Friday afternoons from the village hall. This brings some income to the Trust for Hall rental. If residents don't use the post office we will lose a facility in the village and vital income.

Discussion on whether the post office can move back to the shop. Does impact on options for the shop in terms of availability for lease by others. Enquires will be made of the post office regarding this, although at the time of the move to the Hall they did indicate that any other move would need to be funded by the Trust.

Village Hall

Managed to secure wind farm funding to reroof the hall. Funding doesn't show in the 2017/18 accounts as the decision made in late 2017, but funding not drawn down until after March 2018.

Bookings are lower than we'd like. We try to keep the booking fees low to ensure affordability.

Foreshore

Foreshore is owned by the Trust, but not necessarily obvious. Issues with some abuse of the area including damage to trees, access to sheds and general understanding of boundaries and acceptable uses. Installed signage supported by micro grant.

Plans for consultation on possible improvements to the foreshore were well received and the next step is to develop these so that a bid can be submitted to the wind farm fund.

Communication

Trust now has a web site where minutes of all meetings are published. www.minard.org.uk also e-mail info@minard.org.uk

Minard Community Noticeboard – discussion around desirability of having board that doesn't have lockable cover. Current noticeboard was a donation and cover has to be locked to prevent damage. If changes are made permission is required from Brian & Becs Barker as the owner of the building that the noticeboard is attached to. Also online on Facebook.

Comment made about Management Committee meetings taking place in private. This is normal practice for a charity as the Community Trust is not the same as the Community

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| | <p>Council which is obliged to have public meetings. Agreed to look at organising events to have more dialogue with the Community that would be separate to the Management Committee meetings. Alison indicated that there was an opportunity to link these meetings with ones that the Church is organising locally.</p> | |
| Treasurers Report | <p>Margaret Moncur presented the audited accounts 2017/18 financial year:</p> <p>At 31st March 2017 the charity held £18,155 at the bank including £5,265 ring-fenced monies from the former Minard Playgroup and £7,000 earmarked for a property repairs contingency. The Trustees consider this appropriate to allow them to fund ongoing activities.</p> <p>Real concern regarding security of future income as the Trust is likely to make a loss during 2018/19. Important that the post office stays open as the income from hall rental for that is the main earned income to help with running costs.</p> | |
| Nomination & Election of Committee / Trustees | <p>There were no nominations made before or during the meeting and the existing members of the Committee agreed to serve for the next year.</p> <p>There are 5 vacant places on the committee. If someone is interested in joining the committee during the year there is scope to co-opt new members if required.</p> | |
| A.O.C.B | <p>Becs offered to work with others to organise a small number of events during the year. Liz indicated she'd be happy to do that too and thought there were other people she knew in the village who may also volunteer.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>In his closing remarks Brian commented that the Trust relies on the work of volunteers. Volunteers who are essential for making things happen. Thanks were offered to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin for minor repairs/works on the hall/gardening • Ailsa for cleaning • Fellow committee members who served all year <p>If you are keen to get more involved either as a volunteer on a particular activity or as a member of the Management Committee please get in touch.</p> <p>The meeting closed with thanks to everyone for making the effort to attend.</p> | Committee |
| Date of Next Meeting | No date set for next AGM | |