

## MINARD COMMUNITY TRUST

### Minutes of Meeting

Held at Seaview, Monday 30 September 2019

		<b>ACTION</b>
Present	Alison Hay, Brian Barker, Margaret Moncur, Liz Taylor Feeney	
Apologies	Fred Bruce	
Previous Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 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>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>Brian</p> <p>Alison</p> <p>Fred</p>
Minard foreshore/slip	<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. Carried forward</p>	Fred/All
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 &amp; 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</p> <p>Agreed to progress microgrants for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional chairs for the Hall</li> <li>• Panel heaters for the shop</li> </ul> <p>Other possibilities included training costs for setting up a Nordic Walking Group and first aid training.</p> <p>Sign for the village hall – funding awarded. Waiting for landscaping work before this is finalised.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Liz</p> <p>Liz Brian ??</p> <p>Brian/ Margaret</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"> <li>• Low carbon skills fund</li> <li>• Carbon Trust - Green Business Fund</li> <li>• Tudor, Robertson and Weir Trusts</li> </ul>	

	<p>Future possible bids relating to the hall could cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heating</li> <li>• kitchen appliances</li> <li>• an emergency generator</li> <li>• development of plans for an extension, including showers etc</li> </ul> <p>Other ideas include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a defibrillator for the village (as Lochgair have done)</li> <li>• exercise trail</li> <li>• Brainport trail</li> <li>• general improvements to the shore – parking, jetty etc</li> <li>• roof on the shop</li> <li>• equipment for groups – e.g. for exercises to improve strength, balance and conditioning</li> </ul>	
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"> <li>• £5 per hour for community use</li> <li>• £15 per hour for hire by non-community organisations</li> <li>• Daily rate for elections as agreed with the Council</li> </ul>	
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>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. Completed and shared with management committee.</p> <p>Stage 1 – prepare plans suitable for planning application for mid September (John Hay has volunteered to do this)</p> <p>The committee thanked John for preparing 7 different options for internal layout for consideration by the committee. The two favoured options were:</p>	<p>Alison</p> <p>John</p>

	<p>Option 1 – with an internal ‘lobby’, separate bedroom to the right of the front door, kitchen/living room and shower room/toilet to the rear.</p> <p>Option 2 – a more open plan version comprising entrance direct into kitchen/living room area, partial wall to separate bedroom area (without a door) and shower room/toilet to the rear.</p> <p>The plans now need to be developed further.</p> <p>Stage 2 – apply for planning permission for change of use and building warrant</p> <p>Further detail required on steps for planning and building standards, including specific requirements for building standards.</p> <p>Stage 3 – fundraise to complete the conversion</p>	<p>John</p> <p>Brian</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 no progress until Forestry Commission restructuring is complete.</p> <p>Fred also talking to Paths For All and ACT (Argyll &amp; Isles Coast &amp; Countryside Trust) about potential to improve the Brainport Trail</p> <p>Both actions carried forward</p>	Fred
Community Surveys	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	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"> <li>• yoga sessions</li> <li>• restricted fund from playgroup – potentially do something for parents and children, repeat the pantomime</li> <li>• art related activity – potentially link with Art Class or Artmap Argyll.</li> <li>• poster competition in advance of beach clean to encourage children to be involved</li> <li>• help promote the informal walking/jogging group that is meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays.</li> <li>• ‘village outing’ to a whisky tasting at Cadenheads in Campbeltown</li> </ul> <p>Fundraising is now a much higher priority given the drop in income with the shop closing.</p>	
Web site and Facebook	Need to make events more visible on the web site and also change the Facebook page to a group so that public posts are more visible.	Brian
Events	A separate informal group has formed, with Liz as main link with committee, to look at planning events etc in the village.	

	26 Oct Soup and sandwiches at the hall	All
	1 Nov bonfire and fireworks on the shore	All
	18 Nov 7:30pm AGM and consultation on the plans for converting the shop	All
	29 Nov Panto	Liz
	4 Dec pver 65s Xmas dinner	??
A.O.C.B	Discussions are ongoing regarding forming a path to Crarae. Fred to keep committee updated. Carried forward	Fred
Next Meeting	tbc before AGM when accounts are ready	