

## MINARD COMMUNITY TRUST

### Minutes of Meeting

Held at Seaview, Monday 11 March 2020

		<b>ACTION</b>
Present	Alison Hay, Brian Barker, Margaret Moncur, Liz Taylor Feeney, Fred Bruce	
Apologies		
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 so that we can improve access to the Brainport Trail. Also need to identify land ownership at the bridge over Auchgoyle Burn (ACHA possibly owns land on the south side). Carried forward</p> <p>Crown Estates are a potential funder for improvements on the foreshore. 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. Completed in budget (~£8700)</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. May be worth talking to ACT to develop a bid.</p>	<p>Fred/All</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 &amp; Mike Skelton re 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>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. Sign procured and Colin to fix to the Hall when the weather allows.</p> <p>Agreed to progress funding application for a defibrillator and first aid training. Discussed locations for the defibrillator and agreed to locate at no 6 Lower Achagoyle. Will be submitted in the next round.</p> <p>Will look at Hall heating for the September funding round.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Liz</p> <p>Brian/ Margaret</p>
Potential projects for funding bids	<p>Future possible bids relating to the hall could cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>• exercise trail</li> <li>• Brainport trail – including solar alignment, bench (for Jack)</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> <li>• landscaping at the sewerage works</li> </ul>	
Treasurers Report	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. There are sufficient reserves to allow time to consider different options.	
Hall and Grounds Report	Reconfirmed that hire rates for the hall are: <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>Following discussion and decision at the last meeting, Brian had spoken to Kelly Ferns, Empty Homes Officer, at Argyll &amp; Bute Council. She indicated that there are no grants available for the conversion and that there may be some challenges with building standards. Unable to make contact with the person in Building Standards suggested by Kelly.</p> <p>Agreed to progress finding a suitable professional to provide guidance and support for making planning and building standards applications. Based on the initial layouts provided by 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>	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 &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> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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	<p>Need to make events more visible on the web site. Carried forward</p> <p>Change the Facebook page to a group so that public posts are more visible. Complete</p>	Brian
Events	<p>A separate informal group has formed, with Liz as main link with committee, to look at planning events etc in the village.</p> <p>Next meeting of the group is Wednesday 18 March</p>	Liz
Crarae Gardens	<p>Agreed to provide a letter of support to the Friends of Crarae for the path they are planning to link the village with the gardens. Alison to ask the Friends to provide more detail to Brian so that he can draft a letter of support that highlights strong support based on identified need in the village. Liz to review previous survey data to see if there is any feedback from people in the village that could support a bid.</p>	Alison/ Liz/ Brian
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