

MINARD COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting

Public Meeting, Minard Village Hall, Monday 25 July 2022

		ACTION
Present	Brian Barker, Margaret Moncur, Becs Barker, Anne Paterson, John Paterson, Colin Moncur, Liz Feeney, Keith Potter, Jen Deane, Stu Mac, Abbie McCrae, Lenny McNeill, David Hay, Bob Dixon, Toni Calam, Laura Skelton, Jan Brown	
Apologies	Ailsa Crawford, Paul Lomas, Kirsten Rennie, Carol Verran	
Introductory remarks	<p>The meeting was a public meeting with most of the management committee present.</p> <p>The Community Trust is a registered charity and registered 'business' that enables assets to be held on behalf of the community, applications to be made for funding and insurance cover for events organised under the auspices of the Trust. The events don't have to be organised by members of the management committee, but do have to comply with any requirements (for example undertaking a risk assessment).</p> <p>The Community Trust is different to West Loch Fyne Community Council in that the council is part of the statutory representation in Scotland acting as a link between the community, Argyll & Bute Council and other public authorities. The community trust is not part of those statutory processes.</p>	
Actions carried forward from previous meetings	<p>Crown Estates are a potential funder for improvements on the foreshore. Fred to provide more details. Carried forward.</p> <p>Need to make events and hall bookings more visible on the web site. Carried forward (Brian). Abbie to confirm if Ailsa is still willing to take on hall bookings from Alison (this had been discussed at the AGM, but wasn't clear who was definitely taking this on).</p> <p>Acquiring a shelter/gazebo to provide shelter so that more activities can take place outside and reduce risk of covid transmission. (Using covid small grant from Council.) The meeting discussed this and agreed that it was still worth progressing this.</p>	Abbie Brian/Abbie Margaret
Minard foreshore/slip	<p>Everyone thanked the volunteers for the work to create the new picnic area and comments made about how it worked well as a venue for the jubilee celebrations.</p> <p>Comment made that wheelchair access should be more obvious as the access point with gravel surface is difficult to cross.</p> <p>Colin outlined the plans for the next stage with surfacing of the car park with material from Furnace Quarry. There were plenty of volunteers who offered to help with spreading the material.</p>	Colin

	<p>Colin will get a message out when the material is due to be delivered.</p> <p>Agreed to procure a wooden bench as a memorial for Teresa Foggin and to mark her bequest to the community.</p> <p>Minard foreshore is currently free for people to launch boats etc. Donations would provide additional income to the Trust to help maintain the area. A donation box would be impractical so agreed to explore using a QR code and card payments.</p> <p>Suggestion was made to have a lifebelt and line on the shore. Abbie thought there might be funding available for this and would look into it further.</p>	<p>Margaret</p> <p>Brian/ Margaret</p> <p>Abbie</p>
Windfarm 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>The bridge over Auchgoyle Burn has been completed. The heavy rain has damaged part of the new path. The contingency in the windfarm funding will be used to purchase additional material to repair the damaged path surface. Volunteers will be needed to help spread the material. Repair work should allow natural vegetation to consolidate the path surface (rather than use concrete). A request for volunteers will be circulated once the material delivery is arranged.</p> <p>Agreed to organise the opening of the bridge with photos, BBQ etc for 28 August.</p> <p>When the community benefit fund first started Foundation Scotland organised facilitators to gather community views to create a community plan. This was several years ago and much has changed since then. There was unanimous support to try and organise another event like this again. Brian offered to contact Foundation Scotland to see if they would help facilitate another event.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Margaret</p> <p>All</p> <p>Brian</p>
Potential projects for funding bids	<p>Future possible bids relating to the hall could cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • kitchen appliances • development of plans for an extension, including showers etc <p>Other ideas include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exercise trail • Brainport trail – including solar alignment, bench (for Jack) • 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 • landscaping at the sewerage works 	
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	

	<p>shortfall. There are sufficient reserves to allow time to consider different options. This is till the same position as the previous meeting.</p>	
Hall and Grounds Report	<p>Margaret has also managed to secure wind farm funding to replace the sheds at the hall as there is significant damage to the back walls mainly due to rot. The replacement sheds will eb installed by Frank Penman. Date tbc.</p> <p>David Hay offered to restart the regular coffee mornings in the Hall and this was welcomed by everyone. They would probably restart in early September. Suggestion was made to maybe have them at weekends as well as weekdays as that would enable people who are working to attend too.</p>	<p>Margaret</p> <p>David</p>
Shop Report	<p>Shop is being used as occasional storage for people moving home/working on their homes. Hire is at £25/week</p> <p>Plans for the shop have not progressed</p> <p>The defibrillator is now at the shop and registered on the national database. First aid training still needs to be organised – this could be expanded to include other aspects of first aid, e.g. children, swimmers etc. Liz to explore this with Andy Craven.</p>	Liz
Woodland Update	<p>The Trust was not in a position to submit a bid to work on the Brainport Trail. The land is owned by several people/organisations and there will be more work needed to coordinate this to develop plans and progress any work.</p> <p>The preferred location for the new bench to replace ‘Jack’s bench’ appears to be on land owned by Reinold Gayre rather than the Forestry Commission.</p> <p>Laura highlighted the problem with the mess left on the Brainport Trail by some wild campers. This created a bad image for those camping responsibly, but also created work for the volunteers who regularly clear up this mess. She wasn’t sure what eth legal position was and what could be reported to the police. Abbie agreed to take this to the Community Council meeting as there is regular attendance there by the police as part of their community liaison activities.</p>	Abbie
Fund Raising / Other activities	<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 	

	Fundraising is now a much higher priority given the drop in income with the shop closing.	
Web site, Facebook and other communications	<p>Some people had trouble locating minutes of previous meetings on the web site. Site structure will be adjusted to make these more visible. Also some do not use Facebook and there may be scope to incorporate the Facebook community noticeboard newsfeed into the web site.</p> <p>Lenny highlighted that he still maintains the confidential e-mail list for the village. Anyone wishing to be added to the list should contact him directly.</p> <p>The occasional newsletter that was produced during lockdown was useful for people who were not accessing Facebook for news. It was suggested that this could be revived. Toni offered to take on the role of 'editor' to collate and prepare a newsletter. Jen and Becs offered to help her do this as an editorial 'committee'. They will determine frequency and volunteers will be needed to help with distribution (similar to the lockdown newsletter).</p> <p>Jan also offered to write a regular column for the newsletter as our local councillor.</p>	<p>Brian</p> <p>Lenny</p> <p>Toni/ Jen /Becs</p> <p>Jan</p>
Events	<p>Bridge opening 28 August</p> <p>Beach clean 17 September</p> <p>Halloween</p> <p>Bonfire/fireworks</p> <p>Panto – Liz will contact Hopscotch about possible dates this year</p> <p>Over 65s Xmas lunch</p>	<p>??</p> <p>??</p> <p>??</p> <p>??</p> <p>Liz</p> <p>??</p>
Crarae Gardens	Work has commenced on the path linking the village to Crarae Gardens. This appears to be taking longer than expected to complete.	
Minard School	<p>The school pre-consultation event took place at the end of May. Lots of information was gathered at the event that could be useful for planning future community priorities/events. Brian will follow up with the lead officer as they had indicated that they could send detail of these to him at the time.</p> <p>The Community Trust owns the land to the front and north of the school. There could be an opportunity for the community to take on ownership of the buildings and remaining land, but there needs to be a good reason for doing this. The community may be better not taking on an "albatross" and instead focus on activities that promote community cohesion. There are pros and cons both ways and a community planning exercise might help clarify which is the best option for Minard.</p>	Brian

