

# MINUTES LISMORE COMMUNITY TRUST

## Board Meeting held at 7pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020 in the Church Car park, Lismore

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- 1 PRESENT: Anita Bachuil (Treasurer), Sebastian Tombs (Chair and Minutes), Anna Stewart, Archie MacGillivray. APOLOGIES: Kiki MacColl; there were no declarations of interest.
- 2 MINUTES of Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Agreed.
- 3 MATTERS ARISING:
  - 3.1 Island Leaflet Map and Guide: Sebastian had asked Iris Piers to place this on the Island website as soon as convenient; and she was to source original material for this from Murdo Culver.
  - 3.2 Scottish Islands Passport: the submission on behalf of Lismore for inclusion on the Passport website had been collated and submitted by Iris Piers; Explore Lismore would be forwarded the donation of £60, anticipated in due course.
- 4 FINANCE & MEMBERSHIP:
  - 4.1 Anita reported that a) the transfer of Treasurer role was under way from Teenie Wilson; and b) that she now had receipts and information from Kiki relating to the Lunch Club expenditure as part of the Go for It! Project; an invoice was awaited. This material would be collated, and payments made.
  - 4.2 Bank Statement: Sebastian passed Page 83 to Anita, for recording. Current balance around £12,500.
  - 4.3 Payment of fees for the enterprise units project, for architect and surveyor, were due to be paid direct from the Land Fund into the account shortly. These would then be settled by cheque.

- 4.4 Transfer of funds to the Emergency Response Group re Covid-19. Sebastian reminded the Board that a sum in the order of £2,500, dedicated to addressing the needs of the vulnerable and elderly following the pandemic, had been committed from the restricted Go for It! funds – as enabled by the flexibility offered by the Postcode Lottery funders earlier in the year. Plans for the expenditure of the balance of funds of the Go for It! Project, had yet to be clarified. ACTION: Kiki
- 4.5 Cheque signatories: Sebastian was to pass across the previous paperwork on this, for Anita to take forward with the Royal Bank. ACTION: Sebastian and Anita
- 4.6 Membership: it was noted that a review of membership data was due to be undertaken soon.
- 5 PROJECT and WORKING GROUP REPORTS:
- 5.1 Enterprise Units, Achnacroish: Sebastian explained that due to the encouragement of funders for the project, he had advanced work on the survey valuations as well as the clearance of full fee payment to the architect and surveyor, because these needed to be completed prior to any second stage submission to the Land Fund; the project was seen by the sponsoring officer as having a strong case with modest financial parameters, and therefore stood a good chance of gaining support within the current funding round (up to the year end). In this context, he had also pressed forward with correspondence aiming to clarify various aspects of the scheme. He summarised recent communications with the land owner and with SSE. It was agreed that the best response would be to seek a site meeting as soon as convenient, with the neighbouring proprietor and the landowner. The Board once again affirmed the long-term potential value to the island community of this potential development. ACTION: Sebastian

- 5.2 School House: Sebastian confirmed that the next action was to submit a new Planning Application for Change of Use, to include the revised and less intrusive parking and turning area. Maintaining contact with the proposed contractor and with the school community was also considered important. ACTION: Sebastian
- 5.3 Kiosks: Sebastian had met with Roger Dixon-Spain on 13<sup>th</sup> June at the Achnacroish kiosk, to examine the situation. Roger had requested a detailed set of scaled drawings, from which he could take forward the milling of the timber, and the making up of the installation. This offer was warmly welcomed by the Board. Other aspects of the fit-out would await progress on this basic work. ACTION: Sebastian
- 5.4 Housing Study: Sebastian noted that everyone had had sight of the draft Consultants' Report, which was very helpful. More detail was awaited regarding the potential of the two short-listed sites (south end of Newfield, and Clachan Steadings / adjacent field). After that, it would be a question of exploring this report with the community, as and when that became more possible.

## 6 CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 Flex Marine: Sebastian reported that, further to a contact related to an enterprise on Islay, the Flex Marine CEO David Mummery, and Commercial Manager Martin Jarvis, had had a Zoom session with him the previous week to introduce the Company, its ethos and its products: for using tidal energy via small scale turbines for electricity generation. Prior to the conversation, Sebastian had been in touch with Douglas Thorburn who had previously offered advice to the Board on such matters. The Board showed positive interest in the Company's community-based approach, at this scale; but felt it would be wise to park this interest until such time that this

technology had proved itself in practice, probably after some years. However, contact should be maintained, especially to monitor progress on the installation currently being implemented for Islay's new distillery. ACTION: Sebastian

7 DATE of NEXT MEETING: to be confirmed as required.

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POST MEETING NOTE: Omitted from the Agenda – in error! – was reference to the Community-Led Lottery funded project based at the School House. This requires a dedicated effort to set up and co-ordinate – of immediate focus should be the advertising of a part-time development officer post. In advance of bringing in some younger folk to assist, as previously discussed, could I nominate ANITA and ANNA to make a start on this, and come back to the Board with recommendations for action? Cheers, S