



IoCCDT Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 18th June 2025, 4pm The Inverter Shed & Online

PRESENT: AILEEN COLQUHOUN (AC) (CHAIR), CAROLINE MARTIN (CM), JANE BASER (JB), GARETH COLE (GC), WINNIE MACKINNON (WMK), ISEBAIL MACKINNON (WMK), ANDREW PRENDERGAST (AP) (ONLINE), MARGARET WILLINGTON (MW) (MINUTES)

Agenda Item	Minute	Action Point & By Whom
1.Introductions & apologies	GERRY MACKINNON (GMK)	
2.Minutes of previous meeting	Approved	
3.Conflict of Interest	None	
4.Matters arising/ Action Points	Action Points - most of these completed. AP circulated the draft Business Plan for Coroghan Barn	ALL to review Business Plan for CB and send any feedback to AP.
	Esmee Fairburn Foundation - AP had replied to Susan and said yes to the EOI. Funding for the development manager would be useful.	
	Rhu Church - AP has done the budget for the feasibility study. Tenders have been returned and we engage with Glyn Young Associates with LDN.	
5.Finance	AC circulated a statement ahead of the meeting.	

6.Cafe Canna - update	GC has put a post out today advertising the Cafe. There has already been some interest. GC met with CP to discuss housing allocation and NTS have said that New House will have to go through the housing allocation process for fairness and transparency. Approx end date for applications is 20th July. There may be some press coverage around the sale. Lots of lovely comments on the post.	
7.Development Manager update	Housing - The building warrant is now in train. Next step is to go out to tender and get some firmer costs that are up to date with the market. The Rural and Islands fund is coming up as well as the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund and Islands Plan. We were approached by HC to see what projects we could apply for and AP sent the pipeline for the next 5 years.	
	Housing - AP has submitted an EoI for RCGF. This fund is pitched towards “abnormal” costs and they might accept the EoI if it fits their criteria however we could spend the money next year.	
	Coroghan Barn - Meeting held with WTA to discuss next steps. MW has circulated the meeting notes. Next is to get the technical design finished through to building warrant. The fee for the next stage is based on a % of the build cost. WTA have confirmed they they will use the original cost of £4m as the nominal cost; fee will be 4.67% + VAT + application costs e.g. approx £310,000.	
	Coroghan Barn - AP spoke to HC about the Islands Program. HC thinks this is a good fit and are encouraging us to put in an application. NTS may also add some funds to this. The deadline is the end of July. AP will speak to HC over the next few weeks to get the application as good as it can be.	
	Coroghan Barn - AP has circulated the draft Business Plan. This is nearly complete. We need to look at putting the room rates up and AP will put this through the figures.	
	Coroghan Barn - Community Archive - we need to start approaching Heritage Lottery Fund and put together a proposal for getting organised for the project.	
	Rhu Church - Glyn Young Associates and Ian Fraser at LDN have been engaged for the feasibility study. We have a budget of £35,000. Application into Architectural Heritage Fund for £15,000, Churches Trust for £10,000 and £10,000 from CW at NTS so we nearly have the full budget. MW followed up with the Thom family after offering a donation from last weeks visit.	

	Change House Barn - Paper submitted to the CP meeting.	
	Mobile Mast - waiting for confirmation on funding from BT/EE.	
8.Canna Partnership - update	The CP meeting notes were circulated after the meeting. If anyone has any questions, get in touch with IMK & CM. Maintenance & budget meeting - JD is going to send through an up to date budget. The RMS seems to be getting shorter as many outstanding jobs are being completed.	
9.NTS Budget	As above.	
10.Projects		
a.Tourism Group	MW sent out minutes draft today. There has been quite a bit of press coverage lately. Nature Festival - IoCCDT have a bar licence for each evening that week from 7pm to 10pm. The bar will be set up at the back of The Shearing Shed, not in The Stable.	
b.Harbour	No further updates.	
c.Energy/ Mobile Mast	MW updated the meeting on progress with the new genny.	MW to let Jamie MacIntyre know when CM and CMar are away in July.
d.Dark Skies	Telescope has arrived. VC is meeting with Steve Gray and he will be out for the Nature Festival.	
e.Events 2025	MSP's coming for various visits in July.	
f.Visitor Hub	Snagging list	MW to email Karen B about shower drainage holes.

	Visitor Hub - GP Room - The process for appointments needs to be ironed out and there needs to be a system in place in case they are late arriving in Canna.	MW to email all to clarify that NHS lease has been signed.
		MW to email Small Isles practice to get a system organised.
	Visitor Hub - Mountaineering group visit worked well and they used the visitor hub.	IMK to email group leader to ask how camping pitches were paid for.
11.Administrator update	MW updated the meeting on recent activities.	
12.Island Accommodation & Properties	At the CP meeting there was a discussion around housing allocations and in particular The Square House was brought back into the mix. The community has reiterated that it is important to have The Square House for seasonal workers as an HMO house as well as housing contractors over the winter period. NTS spent a lot of money upgrading the house to an HMO.	
	We need to seriously look at coming up with something accommodation wise for staff and contractors. AP previously highlighted the Knoydart model. JB is going to Knoydart in July so she can scout out the project and take some photos. AP hoping to visit in September/ October.	
	Compound - we will need to work with HC to extend the planning past 2026. This is currently under the NTS so they may have to apply for the extension. Alternatively, IoCCDT may have to take this on.	IMK & CM to take to next CP meeting.
13.Community Enterprises - CREEL, Shop, Moorings	CREEL - Ian Mitchell is fitting new meters in The Implement Shed to tidy things up in there. The new borehole meter is to be added to the invoicing system. The first Visitor Hub bill was quite high but this should settle down.	JB to speak to TALL and Sara A about heating controls.

	Shop - The shop is busy and running ok. Lots of food coming in and being bought.	
	Moorings - all fine. Yachties are paying in the shop. There was a discussion about yacht numbers. A new sea chart was issued recently including Sanday Beach area so yachts are more confident about using it as an anchorage.	
14.AOB	Shearing Shed PEL - GY came and did the Condition Survey however HC want a structural survey carried out. NTS are happy to go ahead and get this organised however IoCCDT may have to pay the money back. This needs further discussion at the CP meeting. AC has emailed NTS to commission the structural survey.	IMK & CM to take to next CP meeting.
	Tighard - Through the recent Condition Surveys, Tighard was identified as needing a lot of work. It is hoped that the money for this work will come out of the NTS projects budget and not the Canna budget.	