



Minutes of IoCCDT Meeting held on Wednesday 21st August 2024 at 4pm in The Inverter Shed

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

Agenda Item	Minute	Action Point & By Whom
1.Introductions & apologies	CAROLINE MARTIN (CM) sent her apologies.	
2.Minutes of previous meeting	APPROVED	
3.Conflict of Interest	NONE	
4.Matters arising/ action points	ALL Action Points completed from last meeting.	
5.Finance	AC circulated the finance report ahead of the meeting. Accountants are still going through the accounts. Project account money is all ring fenced. There is some money in the old shop account which could be used for something.	
6.Development Manager update	AP submitted a Development Manager report prior to the meeting.	
	Housing - still going through the planning process. Flood risk - latest from C&B is that they think they have found a way to work around the issue for the West site.	
	Housing - funding - draft application to HC . It will be the end of August when we find out if it will be put forward to the	



	Island's Program. We have asked for £330,000. AP is talking to banks and lenders to potentially do the commercial loan package. Work could begin on site early next year.	
	Housing - Letter to Phil Long was updated and sent to CW asking for circa £200,000. CW will put this to EXCO to get a formal decision.	
	Coroghan Barn - now in planning and listed buildings applications. In the meantime, working on the business planning. Douglas Westwater coming to Canna on Saturday 24th August for a day visit.	
	Energy - Information to be sent to BT/EE	
	Visitor Hub - still chasing NHS for licence to occupy	
	Rhu Church - still chasing Church of Scotland for Heads of Terms	
7.Canna Partnership - update on action points	Meeting notes sent out after the meeting. The meeting felt a lot easier and more positive. JB attended her first CP meeting. Budget meeting yesterday was also very positive.	
	Rabbits - now part of Ranger Tom's remit for winter work plan	
	New NTS Staff - it would be good to know any new NTS staff who is relevant for Canna	
	School - Waiting for a new date for a visit from HC . Parent power will be important to get the school open.	
	Visitor Hub - no end date. Will need to be fenced off for sheep sales.	
	Canna House - CW is developing staffing for this	
	Mobile Mast - MW is gathering information for this	

	Comms - waiting for Angus M intro email to come out.	
8.Farm Succession	Nicky Downing is coming to visit on 13th September to coincide with Angus M visit. This is to start producing the Farm Plan. Ranger Tom will be involved in this too. Nicky Downing is the NTS Conservation person who deals with farming and the land.	
9.Common Grazing	GMK attended the CP meeting to talk about Common grazing extension. This has been ongoing for 4 years but is not moving at present. CW is going to meet with others in NTS to discuss further. CW and AM seemed to understand the aspects of economic viability for the crofts.	
10.Compound	GMK suggested that the site is cleared completely when Simpsons are demobilising so that we are not liable for anything left on the site. There are 6 x BB and dining car, toilets that are rented by NTS . The 8 shipping containers are owned by NTS .	
	Any new project should bring their own accommodation and factor this into costs.	
	The BB's will be there until the end of November however having the BB's available may make it more attractive for firms to bid for tenders. We will need to find a date for a decision deadline including pros/ cons/ costs etc.	MW to get date for final compound chat with CW .
	JAM has raised the issue of the compound responsibility once Simpsons leave e.g. who will run the generator there? Currently the genny is hired and paid for by NTS .	
11.NTS Budget	Budget meeting held yesterday with CW , AM and JD . This was a good and positive meeting. The budget for this year was looked at and talked about things for next year including items that could be moved to next year e.g. house painting.	
	Compliance work - It was suggested that this work is completed at the beginning of the year and a proper rolling program set up.	
	The budget is to be split into different sections for transparency e.g. farm, Canna House, Ranger, Gardener then an overall budget.	
	Budgets for compliance, maintenance, capital projects	



	JD is very positive and good to work with.	
	MW has circulated all the dates for the upcoming budget meetings and everyone is encouraged to go to at least one meeting.	
12. Projects/ Sub groups		
a. Dark Skies	Ongoing. Planetarium visit planned for late September/ early October	
b. Tourism Group	Ranger Tom came and talked to the meeting about his plans for next year for events etc. Wheelie Braw - MW followed up on this and gave an update from Helen. Ranger Tom will use tablet for bio security work.	
c. HUG/HDG	Next meeting is 9th October 2024. CW is unable to attend this meeting however Angus M may chair instead. NTS are still waiting for Wallace & Stone to produce their report on the harbour. This is all repair work that needs to be carried out. It was reiterated that it should be brought to the CP and discussed with the community.	
	A pontoon was not included in the Wallace & Stone remit but the community could take this forward.	
	Glyn Young (GY) is the consultant involved with the harbour project. There was a discussion about the Canna budget being spent on numerous consultants and the spend associated with that. e.g. Burnside and Andrew Jackman for the Woodland Plan.	
d. Highland Council	As above	
e. Energy	As above	
f. Mobile Mast	As above and negotiations for new kit for the Canna grid. Solar panels could be added to the roof of a new lambing shed.	
13. Administrator	MW updated the meeting on recent activity.	



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14.NTS Staffing & Succession	Final Pier Manager candidate visited Canna . Most people managed to meet him and the decision was fairly unanimous from the community.	
15.Island Accommodation & Properties	There was a discussion about the various house moves and where people are going to live.	
	Caravan - NTS are buying the square caravan from Simpsons . JAM is moving out this weekend. The caravan is needed for island accommodation potentially for NTS staff visits however this has not been discussed with the community.	
	Canna House staffing will need to be worked out before any accommodation needs will be identified. The job spec for Canna House Manager should include business planning. It is important that the rest of the island is not subsidising Canna House in the budget.	
	The Square - HMO - Cafe Canna, Canna Campsite and Tighard will need rooms for next year.	IMK to take local business accommodation needs for next year to the next CP meeting.
16.Events 2024	Strav Eigg is holding a running retreat from 21st to 24th September, staying in Gerry's houses. PH is coming over to play tunes in the Cafe. There will be foraging workshops too.	
	Cafe Canna - film crews coming next year including Visit Scotland and Vice which has a youtube channel. Foraging group is now postponed until September.	
	Dark Skies Planetarium visit	
	JAM leaving drinks this Saturday evening	



	Cafe Canna - GC still deciding on the season close date for the Cafe.	
17. Community Enterprises - CREEL, Shop, Moorings	CREEL - year finishes on 28th August for accounts. RS is taking over the billing from VC . Ian Mitchell is looking at the meters and new meters are to be installed. Ian will go around with VC and RS to look at how the meters operate.	
	Shop - AC suggested that we employ someone for next year. The Shearing Shed has taken nearly £700 in two months, mostly on crisps and needs looking after e.g the door being closed at night and plenty to do in the shop. This person could be employed by the community and not necessarily full time as there are other jobs around the island that could be included. We already have a job description for a shop person.	
	Shop - big freezers needed for the shop shed.	JB to send link to freezers to IMK
	Moorings - less yachts this year and the weather may be affecting the number of yachts visiting the island. We will need to have a plan for the launch of the visitor hub next year.	
18.AOB	Bridget Fraser feedback - visit to Canna went very well and she had a lovely time. It is important to keep on top of the Simon Fraser legacy fund. A room in Canna House is to be named "Simon Fraser Room".	