



Minutes of IoCCDT Meeting held on Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 4pm in The Inverter Shed

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

Agenda Item	Minute	Action Point & By Whom
1.Introductions & apologies	GMK sent her apologies	
2.Minutes of previous meeting	APPROVED	
3.Conflict of Interest	None	
4.Nature Festival 2025 - TAIL	Tom Allen (TAIL) joined the meeting to talk about the various events in 2025. The full events program will be finalised nearer the time. TAIL would like community involvement with potential earners across the board.	
	Lambing Weekend - TAIL queried whether there could be a standing charge for hiring out The Shearing Shed including a community charge/ business charge.	
	Nature Festival - Use of The Shearing Shed most evenings 7pm to 9pm. IoCCDT could run a bar/ refreshments for the evening.	
	Nature Festival - Saturday is an arts day however TAIL has suggested that IoCCDT runs an event for fundraising for the community.	

	Tickets for the festival will be sold through Eventbrite or pay on the door with a card machine. There would need to be a person on the door to keep it structured. Refreshments money would go to IoCCDT .	
	IMK queried the cost of putting on the event and where that money is coming from. It would be helpful to see the costing of the event, how much is coming out of the Canna budget, the projected costs and the projected income. Also included should be extra staff/ volunteers needed, accommodation needs and a general overview of the event.	Tail to provide a summary of costs for the December CP meeting.
	The speakers coming to the event will tie their visit with other work that needs to be done in Canna e.g. Alan Crawford, NTS Woodland Manager will then also be looking at the Woodland Management Plan/ Species on the Edge will be looking/surveying the Transparent Burnet Moth while they are here.	
	This is a brand new event for the NTS and for Canna as this has not been done before. If it works, it can be built on each year. It should be advertised to day visitors as well as those already visiting the island.	
	Tail is forming a new species plan and the proposed “bio blitzes” will feed into this plan.	
	Cafe Canna offered the cafe for an event. Tail left the meeting.	
5.Matters arising/Action points	Matters arising - None	
	Action Points - Canna Logo - AC suggested contacting Anna Merrick (AMer) to get some ideas for the logo. All agreed to ask AMer for 3 possible designs and costs. The logo has to work on big and small scales.	AC to contact AMer to discuss. WMK to ask Mairead for any ideas.
6.Finance	AC circulated the finance report earlier today - final accounts to be signed. Accounts will be left in The Inverters Shed if anyone wants to have a look.	AC to leave copy in Inverter Shed
		AC to photocopy bank statements for future

		finance reports.
7.Development Manager update	Housing - planning consent for the East site has come through. Still waiting for the West site. C&B think they have come up with a solution that building control will be happy with and is expected anytime soon.	
	Housing - The Islands Fund application was unsuccessful. The Rural and Island Housing Fund is ending in March 2026 so next year will be the last chance to get a bid in. CHT are pulling out all the stops to get a funding package together while RIHF is still around.	
	AP is speaking to various loan companies but until we have a budget we can't put a financial package together.	
	AP has resurrected the SIMP with Small Isles and Knoydart - AP is putting together a paper to progress this idea.	
	Coroghan Barn - planning and listed building applications have gone in. There are no particular main issues and all positive to date with planning. Some information went missing for the listed building consent so planning and HC have apologised. We will hopefully hear by mid January about both the planning and listed building consents.	
	CES is tidying up the final bit of financial planning and business planning. AP is working this into a revised version of the business plan for next year.	
	Mobile Mast - Meeting was held with the mast company and we are waiting to hear back from them about the quote and summary of costs.	
	Visitor Hub - agreed a draft SLA with NHS for the health room. This is ready to go and now waiting for the final sign off and practical completion of the building.	
	Rhu Church - still waiting for the Church of Scotland . This has been over 6 months now. AP has drafted a letter for CW to sign on behalf of the NTS to kick start the church into action.	
	AP left the meeting - any queries, send to AP	

8.Canna Partnership	See CP meeting notes	
9.Farm Succession	See CP meeting notes	
10.Common Grazing	See CP meeting notes	
11.Compound	See CP meeting notes	
12.NTS Budget	See CP meeting notes	
13.Projects/Sub groups	See CP meeting notes for all.	
14. Administrator update	MW updated the meeting on recent activities.	
15.NTS Staffing & Succession	See CP meeting notes	
16.Island Accommodation	See CP meeting notes	
17.Events 2025	All agreed to have an events planning meeting in early 2025.	MW to arrange events planning meeting
	Canna 10K - NTS have agreed to sponsor trophies and medals. CW is going to look at getting travel cups as well however it	

	would be good to know which budget this will come out of. There is an issue with the Canna 10K paypal account which MW is currently working to resolve.	
18.Community Enterprises - CREEL, Shop, Moorings	CREEL - Ian Mitchell has been asked to sort out the meters in The Implement Shed. The billing quarters will hopefully be back in sync this quarter.	
	CREEL - recent power outages - we are still uncertain as to what caused these. Colin King is going to test the earthing cable from Pier to Compound to eliminate that as a potential issue.	
	Moorings - all fine.	GC to arrange moorings check
	Shop - Accounts are now back. A copy will be put in The Inverter Shed so anyone can have a look.	JB to bring a copy to Inverter Shed.
	Shop - AC is keen to get everyone on board with the changes to the shop.	MW to arrange a shop meeting for the new year.
	Shop - Shed will need a good stock control system.	
	Shop - If anyone in the community is going off island next year, it would be helpful to bring hard to get items back for the shop e.g. packets of flour/ cooking oils.	IMK to compile a list of "hard to buy" items that the community can use.
19.AOB	Seasonal staff accommodation - CW has asked AM to look at any way to keep the Square Caravan free as all the other accommodation will be occupied; however this is unlikely to be possible. The island businesses will need 5 beds next season. The Canna House Manager JD has gone to the CP with The Bothy as the accommodation provided. It would be helpful to get the seasonal staff accommodation contracts sorted out as early as possible with Alan Barrow .	GC to come to the next CP meeting to discuss seasonal staff accommodation.

	Weddings - GC has had a couple of queries about weddings for next year about how to book the Rhu Church. Stewart Goudie the minister has retired but there is a stand-in minister who will need to be asked.	IMK to send stand-in minister email address to GC.
	Change House Barn - The Narro's report has been sent to CP. It is 120 pages long. AM may want to revisit the options appraisal with the community about the future use of the building. Narro's have stated in the report that they want NTS to have a plan for the building. The community will need to formulate a plan to keep pressure on the NTS to ensure the building does not sit as a ruin for any length of time. There was a discussion about the possible end uses of CHB. It will have an impact on Change House residents, the Post Office and the Phone Box.	