



Minutes of IoCCDT Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd July 2025 at 4pm, The Inverter Shed

PRESENT: GERRY MACKINNON (GMK), AILEEN COLQUHOUN (AC), CAROLINE MARTIN (CM), ANDREW PRENDERGAST (AP) (ONLINE), MARGARET WILLINGTON (MW) (MINUTES)

Agenda item	Minute	Action Point & By Whom
1.Introductions & apologies	APOLOGIES: ISEBAIL MACKINNON (IMK), GARETH COLE (GC), JANE BASER (JB). There was a discussion about Kate Forbes MSP visit today.	
2.Minutes of previous meeting	APPROVED	
3.Conflict of Interest	NONE	
4.Matters arising/ Action points	ALL action points completed.	
5.Finance	AC circulated Finance report ahead of the meeting.	
6.Development Manager update	Housing - AP is chasing the design team about docs for tender. Tenders will go out late August and will take about 4-6 weeks with prices coming back in September.	AP to contact Morven at CHT to have a meeting to review tender docs.
	Housing - Funding - RHIF fund bid - this fund is carrying on past September. Our EoI for HC for this year's RCGF for	

	£350,000 was declined due to over subscription however they liked the project and it has potential for the next round, next year. We can also go back to RCGF for “unusual site costs”. AP has had a look at the loan funding and had detailed discussions with loan funders to put the package together. AP is putting together a business plan for the housing package.	
	Housing Allocations Policy and Rental Policy - We will now need to start looking at this in earnest in the next few months to go with the business plan.	
	Small Isles & Knoydart Property Management - Discussion still ongoing.	
	Coroghan Barn - We have had the price back from WTA to take the design through to RIBA Stage 4 & 5 and the building warrant - £310,000. AP has spoken to NTS and HIE for contributions. HC have accepted our £250,000 EoI to the Island’s Program and this will go the assessment panel at the end of August. It will then go out to tender the following year when it would be a good time to re-engage with HES & HLF. AP is speaking to Douglas Westwater at Community Enterprise Scotland about this. We could invite potential funders over in September/ October before the season ends and the ferry timetable change.	
	Energy - MW has sent out a doodle poll for a meeting with EE/ CREEL - waiting for responses.	
	Rhu Church - We have a price for the feasibility study and an application to AHF. We will hear about this application, and hopefully to NCT application around 11th August. If we get these funds and a £10K donation from NTS and put some money in ourselves, we will have a complete package for the feasibility study.	
	Rhu Church - MW and AP have followed up on the potential donation from the Thom family however we have not heard back yet.	
	Kate Forbes MSP visit today. GMK took her on a tour to show her everything we are doing. Kate Forbes asked that we phone her should we need any assistance especially around the school as she will be able to chase HC for us.	
7.Canna	Overall the CP was a good meeting. The meeting focused on communication as this had been sliding with feedback given	CM to remind IMK to send

Partnership update	to AM about responding to emails. Requested that AM resume monthly visits to Canna. MW waiting for these dates.	out meeting notes.
	Shearing Shed survey - Narrows have quoted £3,000 but IMK also looking into a different contractor.	
	Common Grazing - this is going to NTS EXCO in August.	
8.NTS Budget	All agreed that going through the RMS was useful at these meetings. MW is getting pulled into Pier work again so it was suggested that more islanders are trained to be white hat as a back up.	
9.Projects/ Sub groups		
a.Tourism Group	Isle of Canna Website - MW updated the meeting. VC has a friend who is keen to do the website updates.	MW to find out cost and to email community with website questions.
b.Harbour	The project is now complete. There was a discussion about whether the Calmac money could be used to get a pontoon for the visitor hub which would keep the slipway clear of dinghy's and tenders.	
c.Energy/ Mobile Mast	As above.	
d.Dark Skies	No further update - Steve Gray and James arriving today and staying until Sunday and will go through new telescope etc.	
e.Events 2025	There was a discussion about the Small Isles Games including what food	
f.Marine Group - see attached paper	MW submitted a paper to IoCCDT re marine group.	All to read paper and look at next steps for IoCCDT.

g.Highland Council	No further update - still waiting for contractor dates.	
10.Administrat or update	MW updated the meeting on recent activities.	
11.Island Accommodation & Properties	There was a discussion about accommodation on the island, the new houses and the school. Having a wide range of houses would be good. GMK spoke to Kate Forbes about senior care accommodation and keeping the elderly in the community e.g. small units possible down at the compound.	
12.Community Enterprises - CREEL, Shop & Moorings	CREEL - need to check the diesel tank and remember to do the batteries maintenance. Rotas to be put up in engine shed and in the dog shed.	
	Water system - small team of 3 people max. It would be good to get a map of the wells, pipes etc.	GMK to look out ratters maps with named fields.
	Shop - doing very well.	
	Moorings - pick up lines getting worn through as some yachties not tying onto the mooring. MW has asked DP to do a NTM about making sure they are on the mooring.	MW to follow up with DP on this.
	Tours at Canna House going well - lots of good feedback from visitors.	
	Visitor Hub - needs a washing line along the back of the car park. Washing line poles with postcrete.	
13.AOB	Road to Tighard - AC raised issue of little to no traction at the first part of the track coming up the hill. GMK has been in touch with a contractor who has done roads in Rum and has worked with NTS on other properties. He will come across and look at the roads. There might be available material on Sanday (which Finlay used for Sanday road) and he may be able to do the field drainage at Coroghan which needs to be done ahead of the barn project.	



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