

## Craignish Community Company

### Minutes of Board Meeting 7.30pm 13th April 2022 in the Village Hall

Present:

Board members:

Iain Saunders, (Chairman) Christian Smyth (Treasurer), Angie Bird, Robin Stephen, Jane Smee (Secretary)

Visitors: Aidan Gregory (to advise, in the absence of Laura Leslie-Sherwood)

1. Apologies: Vicki Burnett, Rory Day, Mark Hampton, Siobhan Healy, Laura Leslie-Sherwood.
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2022 were approved.
3. Finance: Christian had circulated the latest quarterly finance report before the meeting. He went through the main points; the payment for the school whiteboard had been made out of unrestricted funds and while we have still not been reimbursed by the donation, this is a technicality due to delays in processing by the Charities Aid Foundation. He will chase again. R A Clements are working on the final accounts for 2021 and they should be available for consideration at the next meeting and in good time for the AGM. Iain raised the matter of the payment for the hardcore standing for the bins by the Village Hall, for which an invoice had now been received. The agreement with the Community Council is the C3 will pay one half of this.
4. Galley of Lorne, Registration of Interest, general: Aidan reported that the petition for signatures of residents was now in circulation and will need to show at least 10% community support, which is about 45 individuals, before we can make an application. The petition will be available for three weeks, after which the level of support, and further action, can be assessed. Iain pointed out that as C3 would be the vehicle for the application, even though the process might be devolved to a sub-committee, C3 would need to supervise. Some consideration was given to implications further into the future: justifying the purchase for fund-raising purposes; day-to-day running; and making sure that community ownership would not make it seem unwelcoming to employees especially young people. Consideration was also given to the registration being pre-empted by the Galley being put on the market before it was ready. Aidan explained that a late registration was still possible but it would need evidence of a significantly greater level of community support than the 10% required by a timeous application.
5. Galley of Lorne, Registration of Interest, changes to Memorandum and Articles of Association: Iain explained that in order to make the application these documents needed to be updated and merged into a single document, the Articles of Association. He had circulated a draft based on the current approved model. It will be subject to careful scrutiny by Government ministers and will need approval of the Scottish Charity Regulator OSCR and it could be several months before the final version is approved. It was therefore agreed unanimously that although the outcome of the petition was not yet known, we should go ahead and start the process of altering our Memorandum and Articles of Association.
6. Galley of Lorne, Registration of Interest, succession of Chairman and Board composition: Iain reminded the meeting that under the terms of the present Articles he is required to stand down at the next AGM as he will then have been in office for three years. He expressed willingness to see the change of Articles through in any event. There was some discussion about who might be his successor, and the need to keep up the number of directors especially those actively interested in the Registration. Laura was mentioned as a possible Chairman and Aidan expressed a willingness to join the Board. Iain clarified that

the AGM would be the July meeting, not June as previously considered, as this was 12 months from the last AGM and would be an in-person rather than a Zoom meeting.

7. Talamh and Righ: Iain was pleased to report that some progress was being made. Councillor Sandy Taylor had spoken to the head of the Education department who had said that there was no reason why the school's resources could not cover the supervision of the play area. Rosie MacKay was going to meet representatives of the school PTA but had said the same thing in an email, so it seemed hopeful that a proposal would be forthcoming from the school or the Council. On the maintenance side, the grass had been top-dressed to cover some worn patches.
8. Communications: with reference back to the Galley application, Jane reported that she had made contact with the Valuation Joint Board who can supply a copy of the Electoral Roll, which we will need to support any application. It could also be used to update the list of postcodes in the new Articles, but there is a fee of £21.50 and there may be some delay as the Board are busy preparing for the local elections. Iain and Aidan agreed to see if an alternative way can be found to secure an updated postcode list for the Articles.
9. Any other business: Angie said that she was thinking of joining the Community Council and wanted to check that there would be no conflict of interest. Iain confirmed that there would not and that it would be advantageous for all concerned.
10. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7.30pm via Zoom

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Chairman

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