

Craignish Community Company

Minutes of Board Meeting 7.30pm 11th May 2022 via Zoom

Present:

Iain Saunders, (Chairman) Christian Smyth (Treasurer), Vicki Burnett, Rory Day, Siobhan Healy, Laura Leslie-Sherwood, Jane Smee (Secretary)

1. Apologies: Angie Bird, Mark Hampton, Robin Stephen
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2022 were approved.
3. Finance: Christian raised the following matters:
 - Approval from the board was sought for the closure of the Company's account with Virgin Savings. He has been trying to access it for over a year but has been given conflicting advice about signatories and forms and is no further forward. It seems simpler to just close it and move the funds to our Clydesdale current account for the time being, and then to a savings account. Approval for this was given unanimously.
 - R A Clements have delivered the completed annual accounts. They look fine, but he will check them in detail and then circulate them prior to presentation to the June board meeting; they can then be formally approved at the AGM in July.
 - There had been no further progress on the donation to cover C3's payment for the school whiteboard, due to the headteacher's absence with illness, and the Charities Aid Foundation approval process despite chasing.
 - He had received a request for C3 to again consider offering help to residents wishing to assist Ukrainian refugees, by acting as a conduit for money raised. During the following discussion the question of whether this was within C3's remit was considered, and also whether it would be adding an unnecessary complication and administrative burden. It was agreed that there were too many risks involved, but that what C3 could do was offer advice to help local fundraisers access more suitable and readily available platforms. Vicki and Christian stated that they would be happy to provide such advice.
4. Defibrillator for Lunga: Iain had circulated a written proposal by Phil Dickinson asking C3 to help raise funds for and purchase a defibrillator for installation at Lunga. The lack of one leaves a significant gap in coverage for Craignish. This was approved unanimously; Vicki offered to be the director responsible and will email Phil.
5. Galley of Lorne, Registration of Interest and changes to Memorandum and Articles of Association: Laura reported that the petition now has well over 100 signatures which is comfortably over the percentage of local resident support required. It will remain available until next weekend and then a start can be made on the application. This is quite complicated and will be brought back to the board for consideration. Rory confirmed that he had started the process with the Scottish Government Community Right to Buy team, for design and approval of necessary alterations to C3's Memorandum and Articles of Association; one suggestion for a change had been made so far, which he had dealt with. He will keep checking that it is receiving attention.
6. Talamh an Rìgh: Iain confirmed the information in an email already circulated, that the school will be given Council funding to cover three hours of additional supervision. This will allow the children to use Talamh an Rìgh during their breaks and will be operative from the new term in August. Iain's efforts to resolve this and the input of Councillor Sandy Taylor, which had been extremely helpful, were much appreciated.

7. Annual General Meeting: this will be on 13th July and can be planned at the next board meeting on 8th June. 21 clear days' notice of the AGM is required and Vicki will make sure that it is publicised on the website. The Galley of Lorne application is likely to be the main item on the agenda.
8. Communications: nothing further to report.
9. Any other business: Jane mentioned that knotweed seemed to be making a comeback and Iain confirmed that there would be a further treatment applied in August.
10. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8th June 2022 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

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Chairman

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