

Craignish Community Company

Minutes of Board Meeting 7.30pm 12th October 2022 via Zoom

Present:

Vicki Burnett (Chair), Mark Hampton, Siobhan Healy, Iain Saunders, Jane Smee (Secretary), Christian Smyth (Treasurer).

1. Apologies: Angie Bird, Rory Day, Laura Leslie-Sherwood.
2. Minutes of Board meeting 14th September 2022: a draft had been circulated before the meeting and these were approved.
3. Finance: Christian had provided copies of the quarterly accounts, and outlined the main points. The first half (£750) of the donation to Healy Arts had been paid. There was some discussion about the £989 unused from the Terns project and whether it would be best to offer this to another wildlife concern, such as the Heart of Argyll otter project, or keep it for emergencies. Iain agreed to get back in touch with Ali MacLeod to see if he had any suggestions. Rory will be reminded about the remaining Cromach funds and asked for a progress report; if there was now a bank account, the money could be sent to this.
4. Updating the membership register: Jane reported that the emails and letters explaining the need to be able to publish the register, in accordance with our new articles, had been sent as planned. About half the 80 or so members from the 2018 register had responded positively, so we are well above the minimum of 10 required. From these she had made two lists, one for publication, and a second one with email addresses and telephone numbers added, for C3 use only. Members have until 17th October to reply and after this she will finalise the lists.
5. Galley of Lorne, application for registration of interest: Laura had sent apologies but reported that the updated application should be ready before the next Board meeting. It was agreed that we should discuss this by email with a view to taking a decision at the meeting.
6. Healy Arts Charity: Siobhan presented her plans to hold a workshop to make glass Christmas decorations as the first event at the new centre at Lunga. The building still needed work before it could be used, including installing a temporary ramp for wheelchair access, but she was very hopeful that all would be ready in time. She appreciated the need to set a date soon as the run up to Christmas is always a busy time.
7. Community Action Plan (CAP): This was prompted by an enquiry from Annie Loughlin who had been impressed by the one for Ford which includes a hydro energy installation and has been very successful. The question was whether there was scope for something similar in Craignish, and whether it might counteract the Ardfern/Lunga/Craobh community split. After some discussion it was agreed that we needed more details from Annie, both of the Ford CAP and whether we were looking at 'soft' options, simply needing community co-operation; or projects which would require investment and, crucially, land. Vicki agreed to report back to Annie and to invite her to speak at the next meeting.
8. There was nothing further to report under Communications and no other matters were raised.
9. Date of next meeting: 9th November 2022 at 7.30pm via Zoom. It was also agreed that the following meeting, on December 14th, should be at the Village Hall with a social event afterwards.

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Chairman

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