

Craignish Community Company

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting 13th September 2023

Present:

Vicki Burnett (Chair), Mandy Clarke, Christian Smyth (Treasurer), Jane Smee (Secretary).

Actions required:

- Christian to send copy of the accounts to Jane for the website
 - Jane and Vicki to meet to work on the website
 - Jane to update documents on the website
 - Christian to supply a small piece about 2CV to Vicki for it to be uploaded to the website
 - Vicki - defibrillator locations to be publicised on the website
 - Vicki to contact Ali MacLeod for more details of First Responder system and to publicise training
 - Vicki to contact Laura about publicity for the Galley petition
 - Mandy to check NatureScot's advice on chemical control of knotweed
 - Vicki to speak to Iain Saunders about knotweed spraying
1. Apologies: Mark Hampton, Siobhan Healy, Laura Leslie-Sherwood.
 2. Minutes of AGM and Board meeting 14th June 2023: drafts had been circulated; there were no comments on those of the AGM (which cannot be finally approved until the next AGM) and those of the Board meeting were approved. Two matters arising were then discussed:
 3. Craignish Conservation Volunteers (2CV): Christian reported that the donation agreed had not yet been paid as he had not had the opportunity to see Angus Bevan. Vicki reported that the use of our new policy of advertising proposed support for projects, before agreeing to them, had worked well in this case.
 4. Development Trust Association of Scotland: Vicki reported that she had had a discussion with their support worker, Laura, and felt that we should be ready to reconsider our decision to let our membership lapse. They offer plenty of support and Laura would be happy to come to a meeting to give us details. If the Community Action Plan (CAP) or the Galley community buyout progressed, their support could be very useful. Vicki will keep in touch with Laura.
 5. Finance: Christian reported that the accounts have been sent to OSCR (the Scottish charity regulator) and there is a digital copy ready to be uploaded to the website, which he will send to Jane. (Jane and Vicki will get together before the next meeting to sort out issues with uploading documents to the website.) Phil Dickinson has been reimbursed for the new Lunga defibrillator. We are still waiting for Gift Aid reimbursement from the Lunga Defib. Campaign on Just Giving. The quarterly accounts will be presented to the next meeting.
 6. CAP, publicity event: Vicki reported on discussions with Mandy Hampton, regarding a project by the Village Hall committee to ascertain local views, and the possibility of joining forces. We had envisaged a fixed event but theirs is intended to be more proactive, for example circulating leaflets. The committee chair, Rachel, is in favour of collaboration but she is away at the moment. Vicki will discuss this further once Rachel is back.
 7. Healy Arts: no further news.
 8. 2CV: already discussed; Vicki suggested a short item about them could be added to the website.
 9. New Lunga defibrillator: this is now in place (on the laundry building by the stables); the funds had been raised with impressive speed, and many thanks were due to Phil Dickinson and Chris Booth for their work on this. Vicki suggested that all the defibrillator locations on the peninsula should be publicised on the website.

- 10. First Responder training: this had been publicised as agreed at the last meeting. It is due to be held in October; Vicki will ask Ali MacLeod for more details of how the First Responder system works, and publicise it again.
- 11. Galley of Lorne: the petition is being recirculated but it was agreed that it is not so obvious as it was the first time; for example it does not appear to be at the village shop. Vicki will ask Laura if she needs any help with publicity.
- 12. Knotweed control: Vicki had received a complaint about Roundup being used as a spray treatment on an area of private foreshore near the head of the loch, without any consultation with the owner. There was some discussion about the history of knotweed control on the peninsula: this was initiated some years ago by former director Iain Saunders, and although it is nominally a C3 project Iain has always organised it, and has never claimed any of the funding allocated to it. There was further discussion about the desirability of using glyphosates such as Roundup. Christian mentioned that the agency NatureScot is a good source of advice on this subject, and Mandy volunteered to check this. Vicki will speak to Iain about the organisation of the spraying. (The Community Council are aware of the problem but take a neutral view; it may be on the agenda for their next meeting, with Iain attending to discuss.) We will consider whether we should continue to support and fund the project once we have more information.
- 13. Any other business: Vicki requested that the possibility of a Skate Park, and the recruitment of new directors, should be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
- 14. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

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Chair

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Date