

Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust Board Meeting

Monday 19th **October 2020**

Trust Office: 19.00

Present: Ian Wilson (IW), Fergus Christie (FC), Jane Clements (JC), Brandon Clements (BC), Ian Pinniger (IP), John Martin (JMar), Hannah Fawcett (HF) Jane Millar (JM), Andy Clements (AC)

Apologies: Andzela Bajoruniene (AB), Ken Deacon (KD)

Minutes: Alexandra Vipurs

1. Chair welcome & apologies

IW opened the meeting.

2. Monthly Management Report (IGHT, GTL, GREL & GGPL)

The most recent monthly management report was presented. This contains all financial information in one document with the most up-to-date figures including all profit/loss. As of the 15.10. 2020, there is £114,448.54 in the IGH current account. As of the 15.10.2020 there is £103,926.28 in the GTL account. There is £124,270.50 in GREL current account and £208,007.43 in GGPL account.

3. GREL/GGPL update

The costs of maintaining the wind turbines are increasing. A yearly STAT test will be required for the turbines at an initial cost of £10,000 in the first year. This is due to happen week commencing 26.10.2020. GREL are considering future opportunities to support the sustainability of the island; the possibility of a solar farm has been informally discussed as a way to create revenue.

JMar left the meeting at this point.

4. Estates update

Due to Covid, the cost of fencing is increasing. AC has been advised to purchase fencing as soon as possible prior to the increase in fencing. The Board agreed with purchasing fencing as soon as possible.

Farm rent reviews are due in November 2021. The Board agreed for AC to approach Bidwell's to request a cost of the pay as you go system.

There is a meeting tomorrow with AC, Bryony and JM to look at PPE from Engelbert Strauss.

5. GTL update

The Holiday Cottages lease has been taken over by Richard and Liz McCrindle.

GTL are waiting to hear back from the council in order to re-tender the campsite works to local contractors.

6. Achamore Gardens update

Margaret Lister and Ellie Logan have been appointed in the Seasonal Gardener position.

The apprentice position received four applications.

A 10-year Development Plan has been tendered through the HIE Framework.

7. Development update

Casey-Jo, the Island Ranger, will be starting her new role on Gigha on 2nd November 2020.

Investigation including a topographical survey and archaeological survey have been completed on the site adjacent to the Craft Units ahead of submitting an application to the Rural Housing Fund.

8. Agricultural Land Policy

An Agricultural Land Rental Policy has been created with an explanation of scoring and criteria. This will be supported by visual evidence from the drone at annual review. The policy was approved to be signed off and uploaded to the website.

9. Correspondence

All Board correspondence was address and conflicts identified.

10. AOCB

Following a positive meeting with Mike Strachan from Scottish Forestry, a future members meeting to discuss the development of woodland on Gigha will be arranged. This will focus on managing current woodland as well as reclaiming land where appropriate.

Meeting ended at 20:55. Next Board meeting: 16/11/2020

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Monday 16th **November 2020**

Trust Office: 19.00

Present: Ian Wilson (IW), Fergus Christie (FC), Jane Clements (JC), Brandon Clements (BC), Ken Deacon (KD), Ian Pinniger (IP), Andzela Bajoruniene (AB), Hannah Fawcett (HF)

Minutes: Alexandra Vipurs

1. Chair welcome & apologies

IW opened the meeting. The meeting began at 19.28 due to issues with the conference call facility.

2. Monthly Management Report (IGHT, GTL, GREL & GGPL)

The most recent monthly management report was presented. This contains all financial information in one document with the most up-to-date figures including all profit/loss. As of the 13.11.2020, there is £97,423.86 in the IGHT current account; there is £100,941.70 in the GTL account. There is £ 138,894.16 in GREL current account and £219,072.27 in GGPL account.

3. Staffing update

A staff meeting was held on 12.11.2020 and minutes of the meeting were provided to all the Board members. Staff uniform will be purchased for all IGHT Maintenance, Office, and Garden staff.

4. Gigha Community Fund

Future arrangements for the community fund were discussed.

5. Airstrip

The airstrip generates very little income to GTL. The Board agreed to ask the community for their feedback and ideas for the future of the airstrip. This will be included in the January newsletter.

6. Mink eradication

Options for on island eradication of the mink was discussed. This would require approximately 120 traps and lure and would need a small team of volunteers on the island to check traps on a regular basis. A request for volunteers to form a small Mink Eradication team will be put into the newsletter.

7. Correspondence

Correspondence received was discussed.

8. AOCB

There is the demand for a general builder on the island.

IW and JM spoke to a couple who are interested in leasing a plot on the island.

Drainage issues at the back of the hotel are now affecting the foundations. Further investigation into this needs to occur.

JC and BC left the meeting and further correspondence was discussed.

Meeting ended 21:00. Next meeting: 14th December 2020 @ 19:00.