

IGHT Board Meeting

Friday 14th March 2025 at 1pm – Trust Office

Present: Jane Clements (JC) – Director; Fergus Christie (FC) – Director; Adam Murphy (AM) – Director; Ian Pinniger (IP) – Director; Graham White (GW) – Director; Ian Wilson (IW) – Director; Jane Millar (JM) – Company Secretary/Senior Manager

Apologies: Tim Lister (TL) – Director

Minutes: JM

1. Welcome & Apologies

IW welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies received from TL.

2. Minutes from the previous meetings

FC proposed and AM seconded the minutes from the 17th of February 2025.

3. Monthly Management Report

IGHT	BALANCE AT 28.02.2025
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£39,107.26
INTEREST ACCOUNT	£98,750.20
CREDIT CARD	-£283.95
SIS LOAN (Ard Bruach housing)	-£313,828.35

GTRL	BALANCE AT 28.02.2025
CURRENT ACCOUNT (TRIODOS)	£21,320.81
CAMPSITE ACCOUNT (VIRGIN MONEY)	£5,191.63

GREL	BALANCE AT 28.02.2025
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£23,130.22
SINKING ACCOUNT	£46,323.16

Maintenance Operative – The board agreed to offer a season 6-month contract – 30 hours per week for April-October.

Finance – Cash flow needs to be closely monitored. We are waiting on a claim for the campsite septic tank and storm damage. GTRL will be due a compensation claims from Enercon due to downtime experience however this will not be due until the end of the year. The board discussed whether a bank loan should be investigated to have for consideration should it be necessary to support the Trust's cash position. HIE / Scot Gov grants to be considered for on-going running costs.

Gardens Apprentice – £15k funding has been secured, however a further £15k needs to be secured (£30k total) before the board will consider the prospect of advertising for another apprentice.

4. Achavinish Land

IW declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in the discussions. The board agreed to offer a seasonal let for Achavinish land for 2025.

5. Keill Road

The board agreed to get a formal quote for upgrading Keill brae. The Community Council will be kept informed.

6. Cross Party Group Presentation

FC is attending the CPG meeting on 1st April 2025 at Scottish Parliament. The presentation will be on the initial buyout and how the island has developed during this time. The upcoming difficulties will be presented, such as the on-going funding of the Trust.

7. Correspondence

CalMac / CMAL – Meeting at 10.30am on Thursday 20th March. JM to attend. Available directors to attend.

8. AOB

Fyne Homes – Hosting a drop in for tenants on 31st March 10am-2.3pm in the café. Might be an opportunity to touch base, in particular, discuss the future of the playpark.

Tayinloan Field – The land has officially been transferred, with the title in the Trust's name. IP is looking into planning conditions. To be put in the newsletter – to be used for car parking only and no overnight camping. Card machine to be investigated. Signage to be installed.

Gigha Gin Trademark – The Isle of Gigha Gin trademark held by an individual has now been challenged and cancelled.

Gigha Day – The plan is to have the flag raising at 12pm with FC welcoming everyone; thereafter head over to the housing site for a look at 2 of the properties; followed by refreshments in the Gigha Hotel. FC has a short speech prepared.

Meeting closed: 2.45pm

Next board meeting dates:

- Monday 14th April at 1pm
- Monday 12th May at 1pm
- Monday 9th June at 1pm

Other dates:

- Saturday 15th March at 12pm – Gigha Day
- Thursday 20th March at 10.30am – CalMac / CMAL meeting
- Tuesday 1st April – FC attending Cross Party Group in Holyrood