

IGHT Board meeting

Monday 17th April 2023 at 7pm - Trust Office / Microsoft Teams

Present: Andy Clements (AC), Jane Clements (JC), Fergus Christie (FC) Jon Grunseth (JG), Jane Millar (JM), Per Östlund (PO), Graham White (GW), Ian Wilson (IW)

Apologies: Ian Pinniger (IP)

Minutes: JM

1. Chair Welcome & Apologies

IW welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies received from IP. IP gave his proxy to FC. Everyone welcomed PO to the board.

JG apologised for his part in recent issues between board members and said there was no bad intentions.

John MacDonald and Viv Oliver have resigned, however the board agreed to welcome both members back onto the board should they reconsider.

2. Monthly Management Report

Geoghegan's are producing the Jan-Mar 23 quarterly financial reports for all the company boards and will be issued shortly.

AC is to follow up with Gordon Brown, Tree Story, with regards to a Woodland Management Plan. The main issue is to agree whether the Plan should focus on in-house woodland or be an island wide project which takes agricultural leased land into consideration.

Board training is to be followed up and rescheduled for as soon as possible.

3. Hotel

A letter to the members will be issued at a later date regarding the Hotel as per advice from TC Young.

4. Gateway to Gigha Update

£15k overspend on paths was approved on the basis of the road junction for the Drumyeon Bay Link being completed. Phase 2 upgrades/additions (such as the Fisherman's cave, Ogham Stone, Cuddyport, etc) will be postponed and completed with additional funding in future. JM is to contact funders to request any additional funds.

The board agreed the project should produce an accurate walking map to reflect the agreements made with land tenants. The project approached the Coast and Countryside Group for a collaboration with their yellow maps.

The Achamore Gardens Easy Access route is to be removed from "Gateway" promotion to avoid misunderstandings about payments for accessing Achamore Gardens. Signage around use of bikes in the gardens also needs to be addressed.

It was agreed a donation box should be installed at the visitor hut along with this information.

5. MUGA update

The board felt that a community vote on this project was not merited. The project is in partnership with the Parent Council and Active Schools and is mainly for the purpose of supporting the school

children. There has been a need for this facility for a number of years, and there has been a community survey and drop-in session already offered. The project will be discussed at the members meeting.

6. Members meeting / Tea in the Hall - Wednesday 10th May

Tea in the Hall, 2-4pm: staff and directors are to be in attendance. Some displays on general Trust activities should be available.

Members meeting, 7pm: draft agenda to be circulated.

7. Business Event

The board agreed to organise an event soon with all businesses and community groups to get feedback on visitor management, marketing, and environmental issues. Further details and dates to be confirmed.

The board agreed to continue arranging meetings with lease holders prior to the season. At least 2 directors should be present at any meetings.

8. Working Groups

Memorandum and Articles working group – FC and JC continue to meet up with group members and are working on draft amendments to put forward.

10 year working group – PO and JG are to start this group.

Plots – IW and GW are to start this group.

9. Correspondence

The board noted correspondence regarding co-opted vacancies. The board referred to the Memorandum and Articles which notes that co-opted places are available to bring specific skills onto the board.

Next meeting date: 7pm Thursday 11th May

Close of meeting: 9.50pm