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Minutes of board meeting - Wednesday, 2nd September 2026 7pm

Minutes

Present: Angus Robertson (AR), Sam Firth (SF), Miles Welsh (MW), Henriette Laidlaw (HL), Keith Laidlaw (KL), Brian Rendall (BR), Suzanne Pender (SP), Lilia Dobrokhodova (LD)
Apologies: Susan Taylor (ST).

1. Welcome and declarations of interest

AR and ST have standing declarations as both have family members working for MCDC.

2. Minutes of last meeting 16 – 06 -26 and matters arising (AR)

Minutes were approved by email and will be published online in the next couple of days.

Matters arising –

3.3 Agricultural crofts – MCDC is in the process of applying for Stage 1 SLF funding application, map on the potential areas awaited from Ardtornish.

4.4 Community meeting on grass cutting – not happened yet, no response received from MCT yet. To be actioned asap between AR and HL.

3. Operations Report.

3.1 Operations Report (SP)

The report was distributed to the board by email.

3.2 Affordable Housing Project update (SP and LD)

The report was distributed to the board prior to the meeting. The project is going well, currently on time and close eye is kept on finances and cashflow.

3.2 Housing options from Community Housing Trust (SP)

Three Achabeag affordable house will be coming on the market in the near future. **Decision to keep an eye on the progress and ensure that the burden is secure.**

3.3 FLS land options for workshops

Initial ideas have been tabled for potential workshops/business units on the site owned by MCDC between the medical centre and the croft.

3.4 West Pier Project – LQS, CRTB, SLF

Briefing note has been distributed to the board prior to the meeting. Awaiting decision on Stage 1 SLF funding which is expected in early September.

Decision – support decision on the preferred bidder for ITT for SLF Stage 1.

MCDC will underwrite the remainder balance of the tender, confirm any contribution from FLS and update on the decision from SLF.

3.5 Agricultural Croft Project

This is progressing.

3.6 Planning for AGM

Work ongoing to prepare for AGM.

4. Finance and Budgets approvals

4.1 MCDC P & L July 26 been shared with the directors for information and comment prior to the meeting.

The MCDC group of companies is overall doing well.

5 AOB

5.1 AR. Proposed Autumn review - whole group budget for 2027-28 and beyond. – AR, KL and SP to meet and report to the board at the meeting after the AGM.

5.2a AR. Proposed Autumn review of operations agreements for harbour and hub – discussion on this is required to determine the roles and responsibilities of tenants and landlords with regard to MCDC and MCTC. SF, KL, AR, SP on the working group to meet.

5.2b AR. DRAFT Agenda Items for MCTC proposed joint meetings on 16th September – meeting set up to discuss future marina development. Agree agenda between two companies.

5.3 KL. MorVolts as the biggest revenue of the group should have a consistent line item in the agenda on how it is performing.

5.4 KL. Does the MCDC board approve or not the introduction of publishing MCTC board minutes? – to be discussed at the meeting scheduled with MCTC.

5.5 SF. Managing the balance of formal and last-minute meetings better.

6. Next Meeting information - AGM Tuesday 20th October 7pm, date to be confirmed

7. There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Minutes Approved by
the board

16/09/2026



Angus Robertson (chair)

	Action Log	Responsible	Due	Complete
1	Grass cutting	AR and HL		
2	Get estimate from TSL on how much rock has been used from Uileann quarry, have they taken all they need. Saving in that?	LD		
3	Allocations Policy – continue work on this following SP and LD acquiring the necessary qualifications. To board at the start of November. To be presented to the community with background on the decision making.	SP and LD		
4	Consider creating another MCDC subsidiary for housing only. Explore and report to the board.	KL and EQ		
5	Send ITT and McGregor tender to the board.	SP		Done
6	Create a CRTB working group on various areas of Morvern. Board members and community to come forward if they want to be part of it. To be publicised.	SP		
7	Chase Ardtornish for map of agricultural crofts.	SP		
8	MCDC to request MCTC management accounts prior to meeting on 16 th September.	SP		
9	MCDC/MCTC/MorVolts to start capturing and monitoring non – financial community benefits from the group.	SP		
10	MorVolts report as an agenda item to MCDC meetings	SP		
11	revisit agenda and board meeting templates for MCDC.	LD		
12	All MCDC directors to ensure they are on Sharepoint. Samantha to help.	All board, Samantha Stuart to support		
13	Stick to diarised meetings for MCDC as much as possible and exercise the quorum.	All		