

**Minutes of Morvern Community Development Company
Board Meeting
Thursday, 13th May 2021, held by Zoom in public 7.30pm**

MCDC/MCTC Directors: Amy Stammers, Morven Gemmill, Sarah Jones, Bob Jones, Nick Tordoff, Angus Robertson, Jennie Robertson, Lilia Dobrokhodova (Development Officer).

Members of the community: Susan Taylor, Teresa Bolton, Henriette Laidlaw, Keith Laidlaw.

Apologies: Jane Stuart-Smith, Lesley Jones, Kenny McLaughlin, Lesley Smart, Peter Lindsay.

Agenda:

1. Apologies
 2. Minutes of previous meeting
 3. Matters arising
 4. MCDC/MCTC code of conduct and register of interests
 5. Management accounts
 6. Projects update
 - Barr Hydro and MorVolts – progress
 - Housing and Community Hub – progress
 - Marina
 - Ebikes
 7. AOB
 8. Next meeting – 10th June 2021
- 2. Minutes** – minutes of April 2021 meeting proposed by Jennie and seconded by Angus.
- 3. Matters arising**
- Cluster Head** - Interview for a cluster to take place next week. Lilia and Annemie will go on the interview panel on behalf of Lochaine Primary. The HC passed the only candidate for a professional interview earlier this week.
- New accountant** – ready to take us on, received a very quick and professional response to a complicated question this morning.
4. **Code of conduct and register of interests** – all registers now online and no new interests to record. Jennie repeated her Barr involvement.
5. **Management accounts** – AR had circulated monthly management accounts for MCDC, MorVolts and MCTC. No concerns were noted by the directors. New accountants appointed to help with a more complicated system of running all three companies – MCDC, MCTC and MorVolts.
- 6. Projects updates:**

Barr Hydro progress update sent to the board and the community, on www.morvern.org. Project meeting took place on Tuesday and new report will be available shortly. Silt incident was deemed not damaging to the environment, both by Nature Scotland and SEPA. Switch on is forecast for the first week of July.

Community Hub and Housing – The board visited the hub and housing earlier this afternoon. All looking good, a couple of small snags that we are dealing with. The plan is to have a café on the ground floor, offices and small retail space on the first floor. Do not want to duplicate existing services. i.e. meetings in the village hall for example. MCDC will organise timed visits for people when the hub is handed over to the company next Friday. In the process of producing a costing budget for the running of the hub, income and expenditure, can be made public when ready.

Marina– is opening up slowly, under COVID restrictions. More boats are appearing in the Sound. Work has been done on various pieces of equipment. 2 Harbour Masters in place at the moment. Cleaner now employed. But would like to have a second cleaner and will advertise again. Still decisions to be made on what facilities to open, i.e. showers and toilets. MCTC is looking at combining HM work with cleaning. Striving to do the best for the customers and reopen the facilities fully asap, relying on the good will of our customers.

Housing Phase 2 – the HC can build two houses for phase 2. Lilia had a meeting with a funder who went away to speak to colleagues to see whether the HC could take on the whole development. No decision made yet, just looking at various options.

Ferry toilets – The HC are content with MCDC to take the toilets on, if they fished. Keith updated on information from CMAL, who went away to find out whether CMAL have plans to build a waiting room with toilets at Lochaline ferry terminal. Could potentially be a joint MCDC – CMAL project. We should produce a business case for the toilets to make sure we can make it work.

Ebikes – the sub – group had 2 meetings already, quite complicated on how the project will be managed. Working out the fee structure, location and storage of bikes etc. Delivery of bikes is expected in mid June.

7. AOB –

De tha Dol? – Susan Taylor joined the committee. Hope to have a new issue in July. Encouragement to send information in and advertise.

Sarah put a suggestion to directors **to involve people in the community with a particular interest in a project**. Supported by the board. Sarah and Lilia will think on how best to get it out there. Brand it as volunteer opportunities, need to be specific on the skills sets. Community skills bank.

MGGW consultation on purchase of Knock Park – MCDC are not really involved in this and this is not currently part of the larger community plan worked on jointly by MCC, MCDC and MCT but MGGW are aware of this plan going ahead. MGGW had to act quickly as their application to Scottish Land Fund can be processed shortly.

Database – Amy, Lilia and Henriette will see how best to approach this to inform people in the community of various things MCDC, including meetings. Only those who agreed to be contacted during Morvern Aires consultation and MCDC members.

8. Next meeting – 10th June 2021, 7.30pm by Zoom

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