

**Minutes of Morvern Community Development Company  
Board Meeting held in public  
Thursday, 12th August 2021 held by Zoom 7.30pm**

**MCDC/MCTC Directors:** Jane Stuart-Smith, Amy Stammers, Lesley Jones, , Kenny McLaughlin, Morven Gemmill, Angus Robertson, Jennie Robertson, Lilia Dobrokhodova (Development Officer).

**Members of the public:** Fraser Cameron, Fee Zanke, Stuart and Sue Layton, Keith and Henriette Laidlaw, Peter and Gillian Llewelyn, Lesley Smart.

**Apologies:** Jennie Robertson, Nick Tordoff, Sarah Jones, Bob Jones.

**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
  - Marina
  - Ebikes
7. AOB
8. Next meeting to be held in public – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021, scheduled as AGM

**2. Minutes** – minutes of July 2021 board meeting proposed by Jane and seconded by Angus.

**3. Matters arising**

**Fuel pumps** – 50% deposit has been paid on new fuel pumps. Used funds in the fuel pumps savings account.

**4. Code of conduct and register of interests** – all registers now online and no new interests to record.

**5. Management accounts** – AR had circulated monthly management accounts for MCDC, MorVolts and MCTC. 34% income down on electric car, 11% down on fuel income, harbour income is 38% down on two years ago. Costs are also down on two years ago – administrative and financial costs down by 15%, payroll 6% down. This means that MCTC will not make much profit this year, which is passed on to MCDC for operational needs. The hub requires tenants upstairs. Angus proposed that we should carry on topping up the fuel pumps savings account. Board in agreement. Angus informed the board that bounce back loan has been repaid. The mortgage for housing will be drawn, in two instalments to pay the remaining housing bills.

## **6. Projects updates:**

**Barr Hydro** - the scheme was commissioned a couple of weeks ago. The scheme is not working at its full capacity yet as not much rain and some bits of construction are ongoing. Plan to have an opening some time soon and show people around. Peter congratulated the company for this achievement. Thank you to MorVolts board for the incredibly hard work to make this happen. Jane will get in touch with Kate Forbes for a date.

**Community Hub and Housing** – lease has been signed with the café tenant. Question was raised whether MCDC pay rent for the hub office and the future of the harbour office. MCDC pay office rent through Development Officer's budget. There are no current tenants for the upstairs at the hub. This is constantly reviewed. All houses are occupied. Broadband is now connected at the hub.

**Marina** – Chris is retiring and moving down South so MCTC will be looking for a new HM.

**Ebikes** – majority of the bikes are due to be delivered to the bike shop by the end of this week, larger size bikes are due in September/October. A local business approached MCDC to see if they could bid for running the hire of the bikes, waiting for their proposal.

## **7. AOB**

**Electric Car** – suggestion to have another marketing campaign to promote the car. Exploring whether the car could be used for hospital transport. Promote better to visitors.

**Bins for Miner's Court** – agree where bins from the houses will be picked up from.

**8. Next meeting** – 11<sup>th</sup> November, AGM hopefully in person but with a Zoom link for those who can not attend for whatever reason.