

MCDC 9.2.23 – Public meeting

Present: Thanks to Stuart and Miles for their attendance.

1. Apologies. Lillia, Henriette, Bob, Morvern.
2. Minutes to be checked from last meeting.
3. None
4. To be concluded once minutes have been checked
5. Hon treasurer report. By April all 3 budgets will be in place for 2 companies. MCDC now has to fund the gap left by HIE funding removal + inflation. Barr funds are now coming in. The model used for budgeting need to be changed within our account package.
MCTC. Harbour – questions from board surrounding whether the harbour can be self-sufficient? How this is dealt with is down to MCDC.
Budget setting to start in October.
Quarterly management accounts – can we put these on website? **JSS to query with DTAS.**
Summary. Companies are currently trading at a loss.
6. Admin role. Adeline staying on, with remaining jobs identified for admin role.
7. Note from chair.
 - a. Update code of conduct + zero tolerance documents have been completed. **All directors to sign.**
JSS to look into DTAS and formal complaints procedure (best practice)
Board agreed to adopt both documents.
There is action to **seek advice from DTAS on whether the 3-year term for directors is too short and if there can be a provision for extension. Also, to seek advice on the requirement for the mcc nomination for MCDC directors and the procedure for the removal of directors.**
 - b. **Monthly board meetings to go on the website (agreed)** Email address for people responding to minutes to be posted. **Minutes approved via email after meeting. 3 days to approve /adjust.**
 - c. Should we move to Quarterly meetings? MCDC's role should be more strategic – do we give subgroups more structure to get on with roles? Discussion around wither Morvolts and MCTC minutes should be public. No decision made. For continued discussion.
Note. If we move to quarterly meetings – all meetings would be public.
 - d. If anyone had knowledge of someone who would like to be a director – please find out level of interest and speak to Jane.
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 - a. Car. AS has found two possible avenues for car hire. First, would be able to include Car, Bikes and also pontoon (upto 25 units for £99/month. Keyless entry to car is further 99/month). Second is car only keyless entry – cost is less per month.
Directors have decided that first point of call is for the car to be offered to MCTA – if MCTA don't want to take on the asset – which of the two rental arrangements does MCDC want to enter – or do directors want to get rid of asset all together.
Reworked costs to be presented to the MCTA and the board.
 - b. Hydro. Not a good December because of lower-than-average rainfall and issues with the turbine. It is fixed now, and the spares are being kept by Morvolts. When the accounts have been finalised, profit will be distributed to MCDC – at end of financial year.
 - c. Housing. Feasibility study for project funding underway. Choice is then who is going to build them.

- d. Marina. Looking for 3 new roles. Fees for the local boats is going to go up + electric rate on daily charge. **Action Lillia to look at rates for electricity from different providers**
 - e. The board discussed the merits of a **District Heating** project for the village and agreed that the Project Officer should proceed with the application to CARES. If the project becomes live, there may be a need for a working group to be formed and expression of interest are being sought for this from members of the board.
9. AOB. Funding for Sand mine trail has been granted. Project going ahead
- a. Need a group to get the tenancy agreement in place for MCTC/MCDC and hub management. Agreed.
 - b. Village tidy up – **AS and LJ to come up with plan for gras cutting for the bits that are owned by MCDC.**