

**Minutes of Morvern Community Development Company
Board Meeting
Thursday, 19th May 2022 by Zoom, 7.30pm**

Directors: Sarah Jones Vice Chair, Angus Robertson Treasurer, Jennie Robertson, Nick Tordoff, Kenny McLaughlin. Also including Lilia Dobrokhodova (Development Officer and MCDC/MCTC/MorVolts Co Secretary) and Lesley Jones (MCTC Director).

Members of the public: Shona Wood.

Apologies: Jane Stuart-Smith, Bob Jones, Amy Stammers, Morven Gemmill

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. MCDC/MCTC code of conduct and register of interests
5. Accounts
6. Projects update
 - Hydro
 - Housing
 - Marina
 - Bikes
7. A Scoular memorial bench
8. AOB
9. Next meeting – 9th June 2022

We would like to extend our sincere condolences to Morven and of course Clay was a tenant in one of our houses. Our thoughts are with the family.

2. Minutes – Kenny proposed, Jennie seconded.

3. Matters arising – all on the agenda. Done more exploration on bikes. Waiting for MCTC lease for the hub before looking for a cleaner for the hub.

4. Management Accounts – Angus was unable to prepare accounts due to movement to Xero and being unwell. Will be done for next month.

5. MCDC/MCTC code of conduct – all online.

6. Projects updates:

Barr Hydro – been a pretty dry month last month. Generated 65% of the average power. But we are comfortable with this at the moment.

Lilia took our accountant to Barr for audit purposes, they were very impressed with the scheme.

Angus and Nick are starting to look at finances and speaking to accountants to see how funds could be extracted into the parent company. There are a lot of capital allowance rules around this.

Community Hub and Housing – the sub – group have run a questionnaire on housing need in Morvern. 1 in 5 return, 43 out of 200 sent out. Pledge of letter of support from LQS. Lilia to ask CALMAC for a letter of support for future local staff. Sub – group had a good discussion with The Wee House Company to see what they can offer us. Also speaking to MAKAR about what they could offer to us.

Marina – now have also Assistant HM. Contracts ready to be signed. Caroline is keeping an eye on boat numbers and will give regular updates. Quiet start to the season is a general feeling across the area. Caroline put together a maintenance list, need harbour vehicle and boat to get to swinging moorings.

Bikes – Lilia spoke to Tim from Sunart Cycles to see if we can work together to hire the bikes out. His general feeling was that it is hard to hire electric bikes in our area. The HM does not have enough time to do this work. Bikes need to wash their face, can not lose money. Feeling that it is better that the bikes are let on long – term let. Could have a bit of both – short and long hire. Poster – Sarah will make a poster to seek community interest in hiring bikes on long – term basis, £25 per month.

A Scoular Memorial Bench – the board agreed that the bench should go in the woods and have given their approval. MCDC pledged support for groundworks for the bench to the value of £150.00

AOB -

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