

Carradale Community Trust Meeting 23rd July 2025; 18:00

In attendance: Phil Royal (Chair), Russell Kay (Treasurer) Emma Macalister Hall (Secretary), Jane Dunbar, Sophie Semple, Hayley Gale. Zofija Sloan (admin).

Apologies: Lyndsay McGeachy.

Minutes of Meeting held on 9th June 2025 were agreed.

Matters arising:

- ZS is awaiting an invoice from AM re the new signage at the Heritage Centre. A picnic table & seating has been approved and is to be ordered.
- 2 quotes are required in order that a grant may be applied for to fund the redesign of the East Kintyre website – EMH to action.

Treasurers Report:

- RK gave an oversight of the finances. Account balances – Shop £59,634 Main - £80,754.
- The final grant monies for the Admin role have been received from Foundation Scotland.
- Approved Insurance Claim – total paid £13,784 from CCT main account less £500 excess – ZS submitted copy of invoices to assessor & CCT is awaiting release of cash
- The end of year accounts are completed and signed off by an independent examiner.
- The Trustees discussed the financial position and proposals for reserves/fund transfer and signing off the accounts.

Approval was given by the Trustees that Russell Kay, Treasurer, is to sign a letter of representation on behalf of the board.

OSCR are changing the information held by them for Trustees. Board to be updated after AGM and information sent thereafter.

Planning Group Report:

- RK explained the process for asset transfer of the toilets/shower block at the harbour.
- Legal opinion is to be sought on how to dissolve CHEL.
- Proposed Open Meeting with members to discuss asset transfer & dissolving CHEL.
- Understand what all the future obligations would be and current shortfall in income and expenses.
- MOWI undertaking to straighten the slip – is verbal, requires written commitment.

- ZS to look out all previous communication and information regarding Community Bus and report back to Planning Group and CCT.

Network Centre:

- The work needed to be undertaken on the culvert is greater than was first believed. Correspondance between CCT and insurers is ongoing. The Trustees are keen for the site to remain safe.

Seneval:

- Volunteers have inspected the site for Himalayan Balsam as requested to by Forestry Land Scotland.
- New volunteers are needed to help on the site.
- Compost bins are decaying (wood) and will need to be replaced, this should be done over the winter.

Shop:

- The Loyalty Card has been well received by the community.
- Possibility of a “screen” from Keeping It Local to promote local events.

Project:

To launch a competition for the submission of a short story up to 1500 words, or a poem for both adults and children. The short story for children would be up to 500 words. Open for all living in East Kintyre. Prizes. Launch in August, closing date September and judging in October. Prizes in December.

New Trustee:

Hayley Gale was voted on to the Board, proposed by Russell Kay and seconded by Jane Dunbar. Everyone welcomed her.

Meeting Closed at: 19:20

Date of Next Meeting: TBD