

Carradale Community Trust
Virtual Board Meeting via Zoom
6.30 pm Wednesday 24 February 2021

In Attendance: Alan Walker (Outgoing Chair), Tony Leighton (Chair), Jennifer Lee, Ian McGhie, Alan Milstead, Malcolm Trott, Johnny Durnan, Hamish Hunter and Alasdair Bennett

Apologies: Jean Campbell

Chair: Following his resignation at the last meeting, AW formally handed over the Chair to TL who had agreed to take it on until the next AGM. TL thanked AW for his stalwart service as Chair and providing outstanding community service. TL then went on to welcome HH to his first meeting as a trustee. AB proposed a further new trustee and it was agreed an invitation should be extended to join the next meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting on 10 February were accepted as an accurate record and it was agreed they would be uploaded to the community website if no further comments were received by 28 February. **ACTION: AB**

Treasurer's Report: MT outlined income and expenditure regarding the purchase and refurbishment of the Post Office. The electrical connection was now complete and paid for. The £5,000 from Awards from All had now been received. The Post Office have advised that CCT has passed the financial assessment for taking on the Postmaster role. MT then presented a summary of the Temporary Shop's monthly income and expenditure, which showed a healthy balance.

Refurbishment of Shop/ PO: TL reported that Building Control had replied to his application and advised of a number of changes that were required before a warrant could be approved. TL has these changes in hand and is hopeful that approval will be received soon. TL also reported that a preferred contractor for the works had been identified and would be approached to take on the contract. However, work cannot commence until the CCT is officially appointed as Postmaster.

Shop Management Committee (SMC) : JL outlined the work she was doing to establish a SMC and an operational model that would work for the shop/PO. Quotes are being obtained from bookkeepers/accountants to carry out many of the administrative functions. JL is also researching potential funding sources to cover these and other management costs. It was confirmed that the shop will continue to sell bottled gas and consider an e-charge point and water fountain at some point in the future.

The Forest Group: JL reported that the first meeting of this group (made up of CCT and EKCC members along with local FLS staff) was very positive, with FLS agreeing to carry out a number of maintenance and upgrade works. Discussions are ongoing about potential areas for overnight parking of motorhomes.

EKREG: AB updated members on a number of new windfarm applications including West Torrisdale, Cnoc Breacam (Crossaig), Narachan and Arnicle (between Blary Hill and Beinn an Tuirc). Concerns were raised about the scale of these developments, the potential height of turbines (up to 230 metres) and the need to route community representations through EKCC. EKREG is engaging with developers and arranging meetings to discuss and get commitments on both community benefits and shared ownership. The East Kintyre Community website has an updated map and further details of these proposed developments.

Well Park Wood/Seneval: Members discussed these areas of land that are owned by EKCC and CCT and agreed there was a need for a long-term plan for their development. Proposals for a picnic area near the play park and a footpath/boardwalk through the wood are being considered as well as the potential for motorhome parking and e-charging. It was agreed that CCT and EKCC need to work closely together on these initiatives and the longer term management of such additional projects has to be given careful consideration.

AOB

AB requested that the Local Development Plan (LDP), which has already been adopted by the CCT, be added as a standing agenda item in order to monitor the actions stemming from it. This was agreed as was the need for the actions to be shared amongst all community groups.

AM suggested that more members of the community be approached to join CCT. This was agreed and will be progressed.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 March at 6.30pm via Zoom

The meeting was closed at 7.45pm