

**Minutes of Morvern Community Development Company
Board Meeting held in public
Wednesday, 8th August 2018, Lochaline Primary, 7.30pm**

MCDC/MCTC Directors: Jenni Hodgson, John Hodgson, Alasdair Firth, Susan Taylor, Nick Tordoff, Lilia Dobrokhodova (Development Officer)

Members of the Public: None.

Apologies: Jane Stuart – Smith, Lesley Jones, Angus Robertson, Sarah Jones.

Agenda:

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Matters arising
3. Projects
 - Hydro
 - Community business hub
 - Housing
 - Morvern Eco Wheels
4. AOB
5. Next meeting – AGM, 15th November 2018

Jenni welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Minutes** – Susan proposed, Nick seconded.

2. **Matters arising**

Draft letter – Jenni will revisit with Jim Bolton and arrange a meeting. A discussion took place on whether the letter should come from MCC rather than a joint letter from MCC and MCDC. Lilia will check the minutes.

3. **Projects Update**

Community Business Hub – LEADER will make a decision on the remainder £90K of funding in September 2018. Standard Security is being drafted by MCDC solicitors as part of RCGF grant. John Renshaw pegged out the site with W Lamont to show the boundaries of the hub.

Morvern Eco Wheels – the board were happy with proposed rates for car hire, as per email Susan sent to the board. The website is now online. The project is progressing well. The launch will be on 1st September. Lilia is sorting out a tracking device for the car to satisfy our insurers. Susan is exploring a possibility of an outside socket for the car through NHS. Car is parked at surgery as it is central there.

Hydro – Nick pointed out that the risk register as presented by our consultants is not very good, MCDC have to keep a close eye on risks as we progress into the project. Things still to be done – finalise layout, speak to landowners, CAR license. Allt achadh Forsa has been written off and we now have the write off amount for Barr.

Housing – continue to look for finance. The plan is still to build at the same time as the hub. Lilia to email Alasdair all relevant information re Quaker Housing Trust rejection of our funding application. In the meantime, MCDC have an offer from Triodos Bank for a mortgage but repayments are too high to afford so need to reduce the borrowing through grant funding.

4. AOB

Development proposals – if anyone in the community has a development proposal for a project, they are encouraged to either come to MCDC meeting with their proposal, email or discuss with Lilia.

Lochaline Hotel – the minutes of MCC stating that MCDC are buying Lochaline Hotel are inaccurate. It is not MCDC's intention to buy the hotel. .

Achnaha Wood – MCW proposing a new management plan. Can apply for grants of £400-500 a year.

Hazelwood – no management plan. Low key maintenance and grass cutting.

Harbour Master – 2 people applied for the position.

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