

Minutes of Morvern Community Development Company
Board Meeting held in public
Tuesday, 12th February 2019, Lochaline Primary School, 7.30pm

MCDC/MCTC Directors: Jane Stuart – Smith, Angus Robertson, Lesley Jones, Nick Tordoff, Jennie Robertson, Lilia Dobrokhodova (Development Officer)

Apologies: Sarah Jones, Alasdair Firth

Members of the public: Alasdair Sinclair, Iain Thornber.

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising
3. Declaration of of Interests
4. PO report
 - hydro (Angus/Nick/Sarah)
 - housing
 - community hub, identify project board
 - Pontoons/shore facility
 - Morvern Eco wheels
 - Heritage projects (Jennie, if there is an update on the mine project)
5. Financial Update, inc Brexit
6. Risk register
7. 20 year anniversary

2. Minutes – Jane proposed, Jennie seconded.

Susan Taylor stepped down as MCDC/MCTC director for personal reasons. The board expressed their thanks for the great effort she has put in during her time on the board.

Caravan park idea - Jane will get in touch with John Hodgson to see if any progress made.

MIT - Lilia returned from MIT EDP in Boston. Lilia will put together a report for the board and the funders, also on the website. A lot of things learnt on the course can be implemented in the work of MCDC.

Development Officer funding – funding approved at 100% for two more years, the paperwork was signed at the meeting.

Killundine - Nick, as a director of MCW, updated the meeting with MCW's progress on the project. Community interest registration has been successful, now everything is quiet until such a point that the estate actually goes on the market. There is a possibility of HIE funding a business case for this. A public meeting will be held at some point. MCW is a vehicle for this project with a trading arm. Asset lock mechanism will be discussed. The land is 6000acres. Estimated value £2m. MCW will continue to keep MCDC in the loop on the progress.

3. A discussion took place about **Code of Conduct** of directors and the **Register of Interest**. The wording for the Code of Conduct from Development Trusts Association Scotland was adopted. All directors to sign, Lilia will keep a file copy. The board have also agreed to adopt HIE's Register of Interests. All directors will fill in and get it to Lilia. Lilia will publish on the website. Lilia and the HMs will also fill in the Register of Interest but as employees, it will not be on the website. Register of Interests is to be reviewed annually. The Register of Interests needs to be in line with GDPR rules.

4. Projects update

Mine museum - the feasibility for this is complete and public meeting held. Jennie updated the members of public on this potential project. Lilia to circulate the options among the directors again. Phasing of the project was discussed. No communications from the mine since MCDC's options email. H&S was discussed, insurance and employment. Discussion about scaling the project down and start with having a display at the community hub, see how much interest is generated etc.

Jennie informed the meeting that she has been contacted as part of Morvern Heritage Society that £5m was being made available to 10 major projects led by SNH. Proposal is to have a **Lochaber shared portal**. The board thought it could be a good idea and asked to be kept informed if any development happen.

Community Business Hub – Lilia needs a project board to help with this project, a sub - group similar to the hydro one. It was suggested that Jennie and Sarah help with that. Jennie will think about it and Lilia will ask Sarah.

Housing – Lilia is still looking for grant funding to reduce the mortgage amount. In the meantime, the design team is applying for building warrant, once the application is in, MCDC will tender the contract.

Morvern Eco Wheels – this project is finishing at the end of March. The car is well used with one local person using it for community to work on a regular basis, 2-3 times a week. Jamie and India will be taking the car to Arisaig on Saturday to take part in their event as part of a CCF project.

Hydro – public meeting is planned once planning permission is secured.

Lochaline Harbour – all three harbour masters will attend the Sail Scotland conference in March. Fire alarm installation is nearly complete with sensors to be installed in one more room. More directors are required for MCTC, currently Angus and Lesley. All the board to think who might want to become a MCTC director, doesn't need to be a MCDC director. The harbour had a good end of season meeting. It was suggested that MCDC/MCTC take a *stand on Games Day*, a rota to be organised.

5. Financial update - Angus aims to produce a management style **accounts** for all MCDC/MCTC to help with cashflow for the harbour.

BREXIT - keeping an eye on developments, some project products, like hydro turbine, will be coming from Europe.

6. Risk Register – Jane and Lilia made a start on MCDC’s corporate risk register. This work is ongoing.

7. 20 years of MCDC - this was discussed, a format was discussed, a BBQ, video, newspaper and display. All former directors and volunteers to be invited. More discussions to be held to decide on what format this will take. When Sarah and Lilia produce the newsletter, copies to be left in the shop and posted on website.

AOB – a member of the public asked why MCDC meetings were held in the school and not at the village hall. This issue has been discussed on many previous occasions and is to do with the hall being block booked most nights, apart from Monday night which currently 2 of MCDC/MCTC board cannot attend as they are in the fire brigade and this has the potential of making meetings not quorate. The use of the community room at Lochaline Primary should also be encouraged by other community groups as it provides income for the school.