

**Minutes of Morvern Community Development Company
Board Meeting
Thursday, 14th May 2020, held by Zoom, 7.30pm**

MCDC/MCTC Directors: Jane Stuart – Smith - Chair, Sarah Jones – Vice Chair, Angus Robertson, Jennie Robertson, Nick Tordoff, Lesley Jones, Amy Stammers, Alasdair Firth, Morven Gemmill, Bob Jones, Lilia Dobrokhodova (Development Officer).

Members of the public: Kenny Maclaughlin (dropped off shortly after start), Sally Semple, Keith and Henriette Laidlaw, Stuart and Sue Layton.

Apologies: none

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. MCDC/MCTC code of conduct and register of interests
5. Projects update
 - Barr hydro and starting on site H&S discussions
 - Housing and Community hub and starting on site H&S discussions
 - Marina and Management accounts
6. Refresher training for directors – date to be set
7. Changing MCDC articles for MCC representation on board
8. AOB
9. Next meeting – 10th June, Zoom.

2. Minutes – minutes of March and April meetings proposed by Alasdair, seconded by Amy.

3. Matters arising

Killundine – Angus updated members of the public on the request from MCW on Killundine. Current funding, if successful, will be to employ 2 development officers to develop the project further to make Killundine sustainable. Request for MCDC/MCTC to run payroll services for MCW and employ 2 development officers on a 12 months contract. It was agreed MCDC would like to help but there are questions on liabilities if MCDC employ MCW staff. Jane suggested that she will liaise with Sally on this. Decision on funding by the end of May. Agreed to form a sub – committee. Nick and Alasdair declared an interest. Angus is happy to be involved along with Jane, Nick and Alasdair to look at options and how MCDC can help.

4. Code of conduct and register of interests – all registers now online.

Interests with MCW already declared – Nick and Alasdair.

If anything further comes up, directors will declare an interest at that time.

5. Projects updates:

Barr Hydro – Financial close is now due next Monday/Tuesday. The SG allowed hydro schemes to be built that are FIT dependent. Angus proposed that we establish communications with the community with regard to building the hydro. All directors in agreement. There should be a point of contact for anyone in the community with regard to this, it was agreed that Lilia and MorVolts take this role on. MorVolts will produce all the information and publicise in all usual places. Concern that contractors would not be able to spend in the village, as with previous jobs, but it is unavoidable during the virus situation.

Housing and Community Hub – similar arrangements to H&S with Barr would need to be required. Jane will liaise with Lilia on a card for McGregors.

Marina – Lilia applied for a grant for the marina, decision imminent. Employees furloughed and getting 80% from the government, good news for extension of furlough until end of October (end of season). Would like to inspect the pontoons and moorings to satisfy the insurance. Potential use of the electric car by resilience group – Jane will remind the group.

Pumps – sales down by 50%. Was an issue with pumps today, laptop locked up and stopped working. Possibility that a newer laptop may be needed.

6. Refresher Training for Directors – Lilia will set up a Doodle Poll to find a suitable day for all. It will be a 2 hour session organised by DTAS on roles of non – executive directors' roles and responsibilities.

7. MCDC change to Articles– this is ready to go, wording for the resolution is ready, EGM will be set up once financial close if complete and JSS will re circulate the proposed wording of the changes to the Articles to Directors for final consideration before issuing the notice for an EGM.

8. AOB – Stuart was monitoring the skip, it is almost full and need to be collected. The skip was arranged by the Resilience Committee - Angus organised it and message passed on.

No other issues raised by members attending.

9. Next meeting – 10th June, by Zoom.