

**Minutes of Morvern Community Development Company  
Board Meeting held in public  
Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Lochaline VH, 7.30pm**

**MCDC/MCTC Directors:** Nick Tordoff, Lesley Jones, Sarah Jones, Jane Stuart – Smith, Alasdair Firth, Amy Stammers, Bob Jones, Lilia Dobrokhodova (Development Officer).

**Members of the public:** Mary Lindsay, Peter Llewelyn, Gillian Llewelyn, Keith Laidlaw, Henriette Laidlaw, Kay Nuttal, Malcolm Burge, John Casey, Rhian Evans, Jeremy Asquith, Kevin Laurie, Emily Rosier, Margaret Forster, George Forster, Miles Welsh, Sue Layton, Stuart Layton, Annie Tordoff, Steve Hardy, Hector McKechnie, Heather Brown, Charles Lamont, Peter Bazeley.

**Apologies:** Angus Robertson, Jennie Robertson, Mark Lawrence.

**Agenda:**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Appointment of MCDC office bearers
5. Appointment of MCTC directors
6. MCDC/MCTC code of conduct and register of interests
7. Projects update
  - Barr hydro
  - Housing
  - Community hub
  - Marina
8. Climate Change
9. Letter from Harris Development Trust re Crown Estate
10. West Coast Waters Baton Relay 2020
11. AOB
12. Next meeting, board 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Lochaline Primary  
7.30pm

**2. Minutes** – Nick proposed, Jane seconded.

**3. Matters arising** – EU bid did not go through Stage One for funding, the group are looking for other sources of funding.

**4. Appointment of MCDC office bearers** – the board agreed unanimously for all office bearers to remain as they are. It was proposed that Lilia remains company secretary for MCDC, MCTC and MorVolts, Jane proposed and Nick seconded.

**5. Appointment of MCTC directors** – Bob Jones expressed an interest to join the board of MCTC. Jane proposed, Sarah seconded. Other MCTC remain the same – Angus, Lesley and Mark.

**6. Code of conduct and register of interests** – paperwork distributed to all directors, old and new. These need to be filled out and updated on the website for all.

## **7. Projects**

**Barr Hydro** – the project is going through due diligence process at the moment. Triodos were chosen as lending bank. Financial close is anticipated to take place in January 2020. Have contractors for civils works, pipe supply and turbine. MorVolts is currently looking at a possibility and viability of issuing community bonds in order to allow members of the community to invest in the scheme post construction. Community benefit also needs to be worked out. This discussion is likely to form part of a MCDC/MCTC/MorVolts discussion with MCT and MCC in setting long – term community priorities.

### **Housing and Community Hub**

Winner selected for the public art competition and a working group formed to take the final design to life.

4 tenders returned for the hub and 6 for the housing. The tenders for the housing have the same contractors as the hub which means that potentially the same contractor can be appointed to work on both projects. The tenders are currently evaluated by the design team; they will produce a tender report which will allow the board to make a decision on a successful contractor.

Once the hub and one – bedroom housing is on site, work can start on securing funding for family homes opposite the school. This remains one of MCDC's priorities.

**Marina** – a lot of discussion was had within MCTC and the community with regard to harbour winter operation. We welcome user feedback into the work of the harbour and looks like a workable agreement has been achieved. A harbour user group was discussed and agreed as a good way forward.

**8. Climate** – Steve Hardy raised an issue of climate change and what we are doing about this as a community. As a community we should work on being prepared for effects of climate change, i.e. flooding, power cuts etc. This was very useful and will form part of community priorities discussion. MCDC will look closer at environmental impact of the projects the company takes on in the future.

**9. Letter from Harris Dev Trust** – Jane will read through the letter properly to understand what is required and will draft something and present at the next meeting. MCDC supportive.

**10. 2020 Baton Relay** – people in the community know about it, also in Strontian and there are things underway. There seems to be enthusiasm about it locally. Jenni Hodgson is organising something as part of Morvern Sailing Club and Jane will pick up with Jenni. It was suggested that an invitation for a meeting in January to be sent out about this, once we have an understanding of what is happening and which organisation is the lead on this.