

MCDC Board meeting 27<sup>th</sup> October, Village Hall

In attendance:

20 MCDC ordinary members and MCDC Directors

Jane Stuart – Smith

Jennie Robertson

Bob Jones

Amy Stammers

Sue Layton

Henriette Laidlaw

Lilia Dobrokhodova – Co Secretary

**Apologies:** Morvern Gemmill, Nick Tordoff, Lesley Jones, Rob Capell, Kenny McLaughlin, Annie Tordoff, Ivan Woolley, Adeline Callander, George Callander.

**Minute of the last meeting:** Jennie and Amy proposed and seconded the minutes.

**Matters arising:**

Appointment of new positions in the board.

The Board of Directors elected the following directors to the following posts:

Jane Chair,

Angus: Honorary Treasurer,

Amy: Vice chair,

Lilia: Company Secretary.

**Code of Conduct:** JSS reminded all directors that they are required to sign and abide by the code of conduct & Register of Interest. An Induction pack for new directors has been prepared and will be circulated to directors.

If a director has a conflict of interest when decisions to be taken the director must declare it and a decision will be taken if they should take part in that decision.

**Update on financial management**

Angus been working with EQ, and hence forth there will be a quarterly report to the board on the accounts. Intention to have first full set by the end of Nov 2022.

**Project reports.**

EV CAR. There was a discussion about the difficulties in running and managing the car especially as the cost of electricity has skyrocketed and MCDC is now being charged for any charging that takes place in town. This can be £20/30 a go and means the car is costing MCDC a great deal of money. MCDC does not really have the resources to manage the cleaning and charging of the car every time it is used. Charging at the marina reported as not practical.

Need to decide how to run the car and balance needs of community with the costs. URRAM would like to use the car for Hospital trips. Miles and Jennie both had useful information

and were willing to support MDC in trying to reach a working arrangement with URRAM. Amy is working on a paper for the Board and will look at how URRAM might work as they get finance from NHS Highland.

A discussion about why the EV charging points not yet installed. Charging should have been put in at at HUB and at Hazelwood but the installation is out of our control. Lilia spends a good deal of time chasing and chasing.

HW done through highland council.

HYDRO. **The Board agreed** the MorVolts monthly report from hydro to go on the website.

HOUSING. Two outline proposals for the new 2/3 bed houses delivered to Lilia. A third proposal is on the way, with possibility of district heating. Board and taken the view that houses need to be passive/ carbon neutral. There are up to 8 houses.

The board was asked about the allocation criteria. JSS said this was not agreed yet but the overriding aim was local housing for those living and working in Morvern. outcomes are helpful guidance. As there is no costing and not outline financial model yet it is hard to say if they will all be to rent or rent to buy or what.

Janette Cameron reported that in 2 years, the school roll falls to 4. It was agreed that everyone needed to all they can to stop the decline.

MARINA. Report from Caroline. Drop in boat numbers this year. Wet and Windy season/ financial climate?

Maintenance program will need prioritising by HM and costing.

BIKES have gone well – this month is first month where bikes have not been taken. People have bought their own bikes now, so that will possibly be challenge next year. Flexibility in hiring, could mean that we make the bikes available to tourists.

TRAINING DATES. Training on the role and responsibilities of board directors will be taking place as soon as trainer and dates can be agreed. An update will be circulated asap. The training is for all directors.

Date of next meeting. TBC.