
	MCDC Board Meeting Minutes APPROVED	
	Date:	Tuesday 4 th March 2025
	Time:	7.00PM
	Location:	Hub
	Public/Board Only	Board only
Directors Attending:	<i>Angus Robertson (AR) (Chair)</i> <i>Keith Laidlaw (KwL) (Treasurer)</i> <i>Miles Welsh (MW)</i> <i>Henriette Laidlaw (HL)</i> <i>Susan Taylor (ST)</i>	
Staff attending:	<i>Suzanne Pender (SP), Lilia Dobrokhodova (LD) (part of meeting)</i>	
Apologies:	<i>Bob Jones</i>	
Chaired by:	<i>Angus Robertson</i>	
Minutes by:	<i>Aukje Delnooz</i>	
Meeting is quorate:	<i>(Minimum 3 directors, and majority are elected directors)</i>	
Declaration of Interests	<i>None</i>	
Other people attending	<i>Sam Firth (SF for part of meeting)</i>	

Agenda Points	Summary/Discussion/Feedback	Actions/Decisions	Person responsible	Due
1. Introduction & declarations of interest	AOB request: Broadband (KwL), resolution on housing funding			
2a. (SP/SF)	Lots of work has already been done regarding updating the Articles, using the proforma articles from DTAS. We still need to clarify some definitions, rephrase some sentences and make decisions on a few issues. SF was thanked for her volunteer work on this and left the meeting. SF left the meeting	Action: AR to send map to SF re boundaries for membership Action: MW to check postcodes Decision: Remove the mention of the £1 joining fee to become a member.	AR/SF MW/SF	1/4/25 1/4/25

2b. (SP/SF)	Morvern Community Woodlands request £4K towards their small wind consultation. Can they look at the local grid as well? (SF left)	Decision: Proposal is agreed conditional on request that they answer about suitability of the grid as it stands into Morvern.		
4. Minutes & matters arising	Extra meeting 20/2/25: minutes approved, KwL proposed, HL seconded.			
5. Operations Report (SP)	<p>Operations report shared with all directors.</p> <p>Café biggest issue at the moment. SP had meeting with MCTC. Café will close this Saturday. SP will send communication about one day/week (Saturday) opening with volunteers. Suggestion: write a combined advert: manager/assistant. Can we include housing?</p> <p>Question regarding shortfall café. This year it was only £700, so not too bad and should break even after a full season. Suggestion was made that we should have a cut-off amount when Café is no longer feasible. SP and Adeline are doing projection (37 and 30 hours), should be done end of the week.</p> <p>Housing update: SSF (3 options: 1. take lease as is, 2. Buy the houses, 3. lease change; no decision yet). SP to speak to mine re sharing SSF houses.</p>	<p>Action: SP/Adeline to do projection for Café</p> <p>Action: SP to speak to mine regarding sharing the SSF houses</p>	<p>SP/Adeline</p> <p>SP</p>	<p>1/4/25</p> <p>1/4/25</p>
6. Treasurer's Report (KwL)	<p>Report available to all directors in Dropbox.</p> <p>Summary: MCTC only has £117 in bank, expected to be due to normal cash flow issue at this time of year. SP will let MCTC know how much MCTC needs to tide them over.</p> <p>MorVolts has transferred £180K to MCTC. January revenue was approx. 50% of January 2024, but annual revenue to date is approx. £34K more than this time last year. We expect the annual revenue to be roughly on par with last year.</p> <p>MCTC is in good financial health, with approx. £450K of cash in the bank, most of this is designated for the new housing.</p> <p>CMS (bank management service) is in progress and expected to generate £50K/year in additional interest this year.</p> <p>MCTC currently has no Treasurer and needs to elect one at their next meeting.</p>	<p>Action: SP to let MCTC know how much money MCTC need at the moment.</p> <p>Action: AD to add election of new Treasurer to agenda of MCTC meeting.</p>		<p>Asap</p> <p>12/3/25</p>
7. Housing update	Discussion and Board Resolution: Proposal to place £500k of funds (from MorVolts surplus in years to April 2024 and 2025), into a fund designated	Decision: all unanimously agreed to place £500K of funds (from MorVolts surplus in		

	for building the phase 2 housing project. To be actioned before the end of the current financial year. LD has shared report with directors. Discussion was had about whether the restricted social housing rent would cover the cost of the required mortgage, which it wouldn't. Discussion was had about building in phases or in one go. Will be down to the funding, but preference is to do whole build at once, which avoids additional costs. MCDC is covering the infrastructure costs.	financial year 2024-2025, into a fund designated for building the phase 2 housing project. To be actioned before the end of March 2025.		
8. Board vacancies	MorVolts: invitation for MW to attend next meeting. 17/3/25. All agreed that MW can join MorVolts as well, if he and MorVolts wants that.			
9. WEAVE report	The WEAVE report guides our strategy and is a good basis to share with each other. Should be living document for all 3 companies to build on. Since report, nearly complete change of directors, so good to get everyone together and work with WEAVE.	Action: AR/HL to pass on contact details to SP Action: SP to contact WEAVE to ask if they can facilitate a session for all three companies together and how much it would cost.		Asap 1/4/25
10. AOB	BT OpenReach fibre community partnership for fast broadband: Mull is getting fibre. Our communication goes to Mull, so their update could potentially improve communication for Morvern. KwL would like to look into this. Discussion was had regarding the frequency of our Board meetings.	Decision: All unanimously agree that KwL can investigate opportunities for BT OpenReach Fibre Community Partnership for fast Broadband. Decision: All unanimously agree to change the frequency of MCDC board meetings to 6/year (+ emergency ones as required), which will include the AGM + 1 other public meeting. In addition, Directors will hold regular drop-in surgeries at the Hub with SP.		
DONM	April, June, August, October, December. Meeting closed			

Next Meeting	Date	1/4/25	Time:	7pm
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Minutes approved	18/03/2024		Angus Robertson (Chair)	