

IGHT Board Meeting Minutes

15th April 2019

Trust Office - 7.30 pm

Present: Ian Wilson (IW), Fergus Christie (FC), Jane Clements (JC), Stuart McNeill (SM) Anne Shaw (AS), Malcolm Henderson (MH), Brandon Clements (BC)

In Attendance: Pamela James (PJ)

Minutes: Nicola Evans (NE)

1. IW welcomed everyone and confirmed no apologies received.
2. Minutes from previous meeting of 18th March 2019 approved by FC & JC.
3. Chair update:

Fyne Homes – IW, Jane Millar & Andy Clements attended a meeting with Fyne homes. There is potential for FH to either manage the Trusts housing stock or do an asset transfer of stock to FH – need to follow up with TC Young to confirm what can be done legally regarding potential asset transfer. It was agreed that IGHT and Fyne Homes will continue to explore working together to prioritise housing for island workers. IW agreed that this will be more productive. It was discussed that the Housing Officer needs to obtain a certificate to legally be able to let properties (currently IGHT are not in possession of this). FC will clarify.
4. Hatchery Project - Discussions are still in progress. John Prescott is required to provide a business plan. He is unwilling to do this until the project funding has been confirmed. Funding of £2million and planning permission is required for this project. This potentially could create 16/18 jobs in the island.
5. GREL/GGPL update – Ian Pinniger was co-opted on to the Board for both GREL & GGPL on 1st April 2019. It was agreed that members should be informed of this at the next members meeting. FC requested that PJ to deliver brief financial update to members at the next meeting. IW discussed the life span of the turbines and the need to plan for 2027. JC suggested looking for an alternative now. FC suggested that the next Directors training day should include strategic planning for the turbines and alternative options. AS suggested a meeting just for strategic planning to purely concentrate on this matter. PJ has contacts who could possibly help with financial training.
6. Andy's report – The Board all agreed that this had been received and read.
7. Finance Update
 - a. Cash position for the Group is positive. Renewables combined bank position sitting at £280k, and the Trust main bank account with £25k. Reserve account continues to sit at £183k, made up of £100k from the GGPL refinance deal and £83k free cash from the sale of the Lodge in January 2019.
 - b. PJ confirmed that Triodos have transferred £22.5k from the GGPL debt service reserve account into the Triodos current account. This was because the DSR account is only required to hold £20k and not £42k as originally thought.
 - c. Outstanding debt with RA Clements has now been settled in full, for all companies.
 - d. Audit – PJ notified the board that RA Clements will be across week beginning 6th May to perform the audit.
8. Asset Sales – Woodend - there has been a high volume of viewings. The initial offer was rejected due to the high interest in the property. Since then no further offers have been received. IW to speak to Robb Residential Estate Agents to ask them to chase up previous

viewers interest and discuss a closing date. Braehouse – No offers have been received. FC suggested looking at setting a fixed price.

9. Campsite and Access Project- Argyll & Bute Council's Access Officer visited the island regarding paths to different points of interest on the island. Once the paths are completed, IW made everyone aware that to maintain the paths would be at a cost of approximately £10,000 pa.
10. Moorings and pontoons – An increasing of the fees to £20 per night for moorings and £25 per night for pontoons. It was suggested that to do this, electricity & a water point should be installed, and these would need to be on a separate meter to The Boathouse. BC obtained information during the meeting to compare our fees with Jura and Islay and Gigha's prices are competitive. FC suggested a swipe payment system to make payment easier, but an internet connection would be needed. SM stated that at present payment is taken by cash or cheque. It was agreed that IGHT is to recommend the proposed increase to GTL.
11. Achamore Gardens - The equipment hasn't been maintained or serviced and propagation has not been completed in preparation for this year. The way forward – A strict plan needs to be set in place. AC to confirm that they will be covered on the insurance for young people. It was agreed that the viewpoint within the gardens is a hazardous and work needs to be carried out or area cordoned off. The tractor & metal signs in the shed should be renovated and displayed within the gardens as a feature - BC to investigate this. AC to price and source a wood-chipper to utilise the wood on the island. JC suggested that they should be used in the gardens to keep the weeds down to save cost on labour. The glasshouse at the end of the walled garden could be made into a child friendly area in the future. The volunteer day was successful. Everybody who attended worked very hard. It was suggested that another volunteer day should be planned. Positive feed back has been received from people on the island.
12. Activity Centre- JC to discuss the rental or franchise of the Activity Centre. The Board agree that this was acceptable and are happy to just receive rental payments each month. To confirm the boats in the centre are no longer insured.
13. AOCB 0 -MH confirmed that Mike Russell would still be holding surgery on 16th April. BC received a letter from the House of Commons congratulating him on becoming a Director. All congratulated him on his achievement.
14. Next meeting is Monday 20th May 2019 @ 7.30pm and a policy planning meeting 29th April 2019 @ 7.30.
15. Meeting concluded at 9.30 pm.