

## Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust Board Meeting

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Conference call meeting: 19.00

Present: Ian Wilson (IW), Fergus Christie (FC), Jane Clements (JC), Ailsa Raeburn (AR), Anne Shaw (AS), Stuart McNeill (SM) Brandon Clements (BC) Malcolm Henderson (MH), Linda MacDonald (LM), Hannah Fawcett (HF)

Minutes: Alexandra Vipurs

### 1. Chair welcome & apologies

Ian welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the updated conference call security measures.

### 2. Monthly Management Report (IGHT, GTL, GREL & GGPL)

#### Finance update

HF presented the new comprehensive management report to the board. This contains all financial information in one document with the most up-to-date figures including all profit/loss. As of the 14/05/20, there is £131k in the IGHT current account and £175k in the reserve account, £72k in the GTL account and £73k in the holiday cottages account. There is £119k in GREL current account and £161k in GGPL account.

#### COVID-19 support

IGHT have been awarded £55k from the Third Sector Resilience Fund to support the continued cashflow of the Trust in response to COVID-19 impacts. IGHT has also been awarded £11k via HIE from the Scottish Governments Supporting Communities Fund to provide support within the community. This will include the recruitment of a Community Co-ordinator (10-15 hours weekly support) together with a small Fund to help the community.

#### Housing

The draft application for the new Housing development is currently being considered by Scottish Government.

IW is due to have a meeting this week about a scheme that is available to install new heat pumps into homes. To be eligible, the homes must currently have electric heating such as storage heaters and have an EPC rating of E or lower. Details on how to contact Home Energy Scotland will be included in the newsletter for private properties to consider also.

#### Projects

The campsite project is now behind schedule due to COVID. New Programme of Works has been prepared and funders have been notified.

A Project Manager will be advertised for the Gateway to Gigha project following approval of the job description from the Heritage Lottery.

### 3. Achamore Gardens Apprenticeship

Bryony has been very proactive since starting in her new post and current investigation into the possibility of recruiting a Junior Apprentice in the gardens is ongoing. UHI would provide training This would give a young person the chance of training and gaining a qualification whilst being employed, benefiting both the young

person and the gardens. HF and Jane M to investigate funding necessary to support an apprenticeship.

4. Renewables

All four wind turbines are now running. Vestas are keen to engage in discussions with the Trust to discuss future replacement of the turbines.

5. Community Fund.

£1000 has been awarded to Gigha Golf Course and £370 has been awarded to Keith Wilson from the Gigha Community Fund. The Fund is still open to applications ahead of the June deadline. Separate COVID funding is available to the community through the Supporting Communities Fund grant.

6. Agricultural Land Policy

The Agricultural Land Policy was discussed

7. Friends of Gigha

Friends of Gigha was discussed and agreed not to be re-established.

8. Correspondence

All correspondence to the Trust was discussed.

9. AOCB

The Trust would like to recognise the work which AS is completing on behalf on the NHS on Gigha.

Meeting ended at 21:13

Next Board meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 @ 19:00