

IGHT Board Meeting
20th May 2019
Trust Office – 7pm

Present: Ian Wilson (IW), Jane Clements (JC) Anne Shaw (AS) joined the meeting at 7.15 pm

Present via telephone: Fergus Christie (FC), Ailsa Raeburn (AR), Brandon Clements (BC),

Apologies: Stuart McNeill, Malcolm Henderson

In attendance: Andy Clements (AC), Claire McMurchy (CM) – via telephone

Minutes: Nicola Evans

1. IW welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed AR onto the Board of IGHT

2. Previous meeting minutes approved by JC and FC.

3. Chair Update (IW) -

Housing - Recent experience showed that IGHT have a quicker response time than Fyne Homes as the Trusts maintenance team are based on island. It was agreed that the planned housing surveys should proceed on the Trust properties to understand future maintenance and repair obligations. AR said it must be made very clear to tenants that this was not in advance of selling the properties/assets but to forecast maintenance costs for housing.

Hatchery Project - IW has received more information from John Prescott and will forward this on and is to ask if John has a business plan to share with the Board. The Board had reservations about the project and felt more information was necessary to make a decision on whether IGHT should be involved.

4. IGHT/ GGPL/ GREL financial update – the Trust is now holding appropriate reserves. The sale of the 2 planned properties will generate c £280k which will be used to further reduce the debt.

5. GTL Update - GTL are generating reasonable profits although not all the costs are yet being booked to GTL. Holiday cottage bookings continue to increase.

6. Estates Update (AC) – AR asked how members have reacted to the recent rent increases. AC & AS said all were happy and the tenant meetings have helped communicate the need for this rent increase. AR said members should be thanked for adjusting to this rent increase.

8. Achamore Gardens - The current gardening staff are working well and very hard. A plant sale bench has been introduced. Helen is working on the propagation. Ann Steele is arriving this week to discuss the funding from the National Trust for Scotland.

9. PJ is to carry out appraisals for the maintenance staff (AS left the meeting at 7.55pm due to a conflict of interest). A review of salaries will also be considered during the appraisal. (AS re-joined the meeting at 8pm. AC left the meeting at 8pm.

10. Airstrip – Proposal from a private individual (Mr Friday) to buy the airstrip and build a hanger for his aircraft but still have the strip open for public use. BC said it would be beneficial to the island to

have the airstrip upgraded. FC is not keen on this idea as it would not be good for community spirit if sold to a private individual. AS asked about access for emergency services in the future if sold on. All agreed not to sell the airstrip.

11. Campsite Update - AR not heard from Visit Scotland funding and update should be put on hold until we hear from them.

12. Assisted Housing – On 3rd June, directors, staff and community are to visit Jura's Care Village to get ideas on their supported living complex. JC asked BC to invite the youth of the island if possible.

13. Young Board Update - FC to organise a vote to reduce the membership age to 16. BC is behind this idea as it would be beneficial for the young people to contribute valuable ideas towards community projects.

14. Mediation request – The Trust received good and positive responses from members regarding mediation. All responses to be scanned and sent to mediator before their visit in June. FC suggested that any issues raised out with a meeting by a member should be dealt with by 2 Board members at all times, and not on a one to one basis

15. Forestry Update - The meeting a couple of months ago only generated interest from one person.

Next meeting 13th June 7pm.

Meeting end 10pm.