

Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust Board Meeting

Monday 23rd May at 7pm

Trust Office / Microsoft Teams

Present: Fergus Christie (FC), Andy Clements (AC), Jane Clements (JC) Jane Millar (JM), Ian Pinniger (IP), Ian Wilson (IW)

Apologies: Liz McCrindle (LM)

Minutes: Jane Millar

1. Chair welcome & apologies

IW welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies received from LM.

2. Monthly Management Report

Bank Balances as at 13.05.2022:

IGHT has £70,988.39 in the current account and £155,484.90 in the reserve account.

GTL has £65,348.81 in the current account.

GGPL has £126,814.19 in the current account and £22,143.82 in the reserve account.

GREL has £79,789.01 in the current account and £68,560.16 in the reserve account.

LM reported via email that she has had a handover from Hannah Fawcett. LM is going to provide financial support to the Trust for the next couple of months whilst existing staff are taking on aspects of Hannah's role.

IP asked if a further breakdown of debtors could be included in the MMR. **Action – LM and SB to include in the May MMR.**

Electrical faults have been reported at Achamore Gardens. Achamore House owners have donated numerous benches to Achamore Gardens and are also replacing the gates around the perimeter of the gardens.

Gateway to Gigha – Fisherman's cave is advertised as completed however the first 100m is fairly wet and muddy. **Action - JM to raise this with CW.**

3. Members Meeting

FC noted that the Board minutes have been brief and should provide more details for Members.

Agreed that Members meetings will be held 4 times per year.

The Board agreed that all residents should get to feed into the future of the island, therefore it has been proposed to have a community involvement day (tea and cake in the afternoon, cheese and wine in the evening) initially to allow all residents to input to the long-term planning of the island. The day will also allow for Members to put themselves forward for working groups which will be formed to review Plots, 10-year Strategic Planning, and the Memo & Arts. The groups' purpose will be to advise and put forward proposals based on residents' input from the community involvement day.

The Board proposed to draft a letter to call for Directors to come onto the Board and outline the purpose of Directors and Members. **Action – JM and FC to draft.**

4. Kinnererach

All questions from the purchaser's solicitor have been responded to. The Trusts solicitor is on leave so further update to be provided.

5. Plots

The number of plot enquiries has increased following the advertisement of Kinnererach.

JC noted that the Master Plan was originally developed however plots out-with the plan were approved by the Boards at the time, therefore setting a precedent.

An existing Plot Policy and Plan is already in place which has plots identified for sale. Further plots will be identified which the Members can review before being added to the Plot Policy and Plan. The Board agreed to review the proposed second Highfield plot.

Village plot planning permission has been approved. The purchasers are reviewing plans before the sale of land will proceed.

1st time buyers – IP has suggested that plots are given to young people at a reduced rate with repayment clauses if the plot is sold within certain time periods. Suggested that the size of the plot is restricted to less than 0.25 acre. This is to be put forward to the working group once established.

6. AOB

The current surgery is too small for the island population and therefore it has been proposed to look at the possibilities of a new surgery with a helicopter landing site near it. Suggested to put this forward at the community involvement day.

Next meeting date – Wednesday 22nd June at 7pm.

Community Involvement Day – Thursday 23rd June, time tbc. **Action – JM to book Village Hall.**