

Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust Board Meeting

Monday 19th April 2021

Microsoft Teams: 19.00

Present: Ian Wilson (IW), Fergus Christie (FC), Jane Clements (JC), Brandon Clements (BC), Ken Deacon (KD), Ian Pinniger (IP), Andzela Bajoruniene (AB), Hannah Fawcett (HF), Jane Millar (JM),

Minutes: Alexandra Vipurs

Chair welcome & apologies

- IW welcomed the meeting which began at 19:00

Board Training Session

- The Board completed a 50 minute training session with Elaine Crichton from Inspiring Scotland. She covered general board governance and answered questions at the end along with some useful resourced. Elaine acknowledged that the Trust run a “tight ship” and identified roles of good governance with regards to the management of the charity.

Monthly Management Report (IGHT, GTL, GREL & GGPL)

- The most recent monthly management report was presented. This contains all financial information in one document with the most up-to-date figures including all profit/loss. As of the 15.04.2021, there is £150,225.45 in the IGHT current account; there is £93,254.92 in the GTL account; there is £119,422.69 in GREL current account; and £249,900.02 in GGPL current account.

Loan repayments

- The Board discussed when to pay back the current bounce back loans; overall it was decided that the Board will hold off on repaying the bounce back loans in full as this will allow a greater level of flexibility given current projects which are planned on the island. This will be reviewed quarterly.
- It was agreed that the Campsite project will proceed as outlined, with maximum contribution of £138,000 from IGHT.

Members meeting update

- The presentation for the Members meeting has been created. The update will be led by BC, with HF doing a financial update, JM doing a projects update, Casey-Jo doing a Ranger update, Bryony doing a Gardens update and Craig will update on the Gateway to Gigha project. To date, no questions have been received from the members although a small number of members have signed up to the meeting.
- The meeting will be live on 22nd April 2021. JM will advertise this on social media to remind members of the session.
- JM to develop poster information on becoming a member.

Visitor management update

- A leaflet and posters have been drafted to explain island facilities this season for visitors as well as places where they can eat, toilet locations and a guide to camping on Gigha. This will be included in Casey Jo’s Ranger update at the members meeting also.
- Andy Clements has spoken to farm tenants with regards to motorhome camping.

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- The pathways project will require a high volume of stone which will need to be delivered during peak season. This could have implications for transport on the ferry. Two potential options could include:
 - 1) To hire a contractor to use a crush at the quarry on island to extract stone which would then be distributed around the island.
 - 2) To bring stone in from Glen Sanda near Oban via a landing craft which would reduce disruption on the local ferry.Craig and Casey-Jo are in discussion with the paths consultant and potential contractors about this.
- JM, Shona and Andy met today with the Scottish Salmon Company. The Scottish Salmon Company would like to develop a relationship with the Trust. They would like to advertise the Scottish Salmon Community Fund in the monthly newsletter and they will be added to monthly distribution.
- 62 residents have signed up to the residents picnic in Achamore Gardens on 25th April. A very positive response was received from the community about this.

Meeting ended: 21:10

Next meeting: Monday 17th May at 19:00