

Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust Board Meeting

Monday 31st August 2020

Trust Office: 19.00

Present: Ian Wilson (IW), Fergus Christie (FC), Jane Clements (JC), Brandon Clements (BC), Ken Deacon (KD), Hannah Fawcett (HF), Bryony White (BW), Shona Bannatyne (SB), Jane Millar (JM), Andy Clements (AC)

Minutes: Alexandra Vipurs

1. Chair welcome & apologies

IW welcomed members to the meeting.

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

a. Finance update

HF presented the 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 31.07.2020, there was:

- £68k in the IGHT current account
- £130k + £50k Bounce Back Loan in the GTL current account
- £126k in GREL current account
- £225k in GGPL account

This excludes any reserve account figures.

b. Estates update

AC provided an estates update.

- Warmer Homes have arranged a meeting on 30th September 2020 to review properties that may be eligible for new heating systems.
- All servicing on the Turbines has been completed although an issue with T2 has since arisen. Vestas to attend this week.
- Craft Unit 3 has been leased to Andzela Bajoruniene. Electrician to visit this week to sign off electrics. The Craft Unit 2 tenancy has been issued to Morven Beagan.
- Some issues have arisen with wear and tear to equipment in the play park. AC has been in touch with Russell Play to discuss this and identify parts which need to be replaced.
- The Board agreed to fund replacement parts for the restoration of the Massey Ferguson Tractor.
- Tom from Collective Architecture visit the Gardens and will provide scale drawings of the North Walled Garden to begin looking at layout options.

c. Project update

JM presented an update on project developments.

- A draft application was sent to the Scottish Government in May to consider the housing development proposal, awaiting feedback.
- BC and JM have looked at the cost of furnishing a community hub for the Young members of the island with use as a gym and meeting space. The cost is approximately £3000. The Board discussed practicalities of providing this as a service to the community including servicing of equipment. KD kindly offered to donate some equipment to a gym.
The Board agreed the portacabin will be used as a community hub and funding to support the development of this will be investigated further by JM and BC. AC will investigate the cost of cladding for the portacabin to help the building blend in with the local environment.
- Craig Whyte has been appointment as Project Manager for the Gateway to Gigha Project. Craig lives in Dunblane and will work remotely, visiting Gigha every fortnight. He will start week commencing Monday 14th September and is keen to get started. The Ranger position has been advertised and over sixty applicants have been received.
- IGHT have been awarded £593,194.16 from the Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund for the pathway project. This is being match funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund who have awarded £228,100 to the project.
- Tender submissions have been received for the construction of the campsite project. This will be reviewed by funders before proceeding.

- SB gave an update on GTL activity. The Holiday Cottages opened on the 11th July and have been fully booked since. There was an open day on 21st August for those interested in leasing the holiday cottages business. The closing date to apply for the lease of the cottages is on 1st September 2020.
The Moorings have also been busy since reopening and raised £3,251 in July.
- 3. Achamore Gardens update
The gardens are currently looking fantastic under the care of BW. A large amount of the change within the south walled garden is due to the conscientious voluntary hard work of Margaret Lister.
BW discussed developing funding opportunities for the gardens to support the garden development over the next few years. Collective Architecture are keen to work with Achamore Gardens to offer support in finding strategies to move forward with funding packages.
Owen Irwin has finished for the season to leave for college and applications have been received for the position of part time off-season gardener. Thank you to Owen for his contribution to the gardens over the summer months.
Corporate PPE is currently being identified for wear within the gardens for the maintenance team, garden staff and the new Ranger position. BW will investigate costing for this through local providers.
BW, SB and AC left the meeting.
- 4. Staffing update
Current staffing structure was discussed.
- 5. Masterplan/plot sales
The Masterplan needs to be reviewed and the next five years direction needs to be identified with the involvement of the community.
IGHT considered whether there is the need for the creation of a policy for land sales attached to houses. It was agreed that applications for additional land will be considered on an individual basis.
The plot at Croft 5/6 is currently being advertised and there has been some interest.
- 6. Mediation
Members interested in mediation have been asked to put in their request by 14th September 2020.
- 7. AGM
 - a. Organisation of the AGM under current social distancing requirements needs careful consideration and will need to be discussed further. There are currently four vacancies on the Board.
 - b. Chairs years update for members and summarised accounts will be provided to members.
- 8. Correspondence
IW presented Board correspondence which was discussed, and conflicts of interest were identified.
- 9. AOCB
KD encouraged the Trust to consider becoming a member of the Scottish Legal Wage scheme.
KD also informed the Trust that all European Nationals living in the UK are now allowed to vote in local council elections as long as they are registered to vote.

Meeting ended at 22.00

Next Board meeting: 21st September @ 19:00

AGM meeting 24th September 2020 @19:00