

## **IGHT Board meeting**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm - Trust Office / Microsoft Teams

**Present:** Andy Clements (AC), Jane Clements (JC), Fergus Christie (FC), Jane Millar (JM), Adam Murphy (AM), Tim Lister (TL), Graham White (GW), Ian Wilson (IW)

**Apologies:** Ian Pinniger (IP)

**Minutes:** JM

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

IW welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received from IP.

### **2. Monthly Management Report**

<b>IGHT</b>	<b>BALANCE AT 31.03.24</b>
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£47,936.73
INTEREST ACCOUNT	£698,372.92
CREDIT CARD	-£1,371.19

<b>GTL</b>	<b>BALANCE AT 31.03.24</b>
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£1,867.31
CAMPSITE ACCOUNT	£10,066.82
BOUNCE BACK LOAN	-£19.35

<b>GGPL</b>	<b>BALANCE AT 31.03.24</b>
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£148,897.73

<b>GREL</b>	<b>BALANCE AT 31.03.24</b>
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£81,663.17
SINKING ACCOUNT	£90,406.16

**Finances** - GGPL has changed name to Gigha Trading & Renewables Limited (GTRL) as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. GTL assets have been transferred to GTRL and the GTL bank accounts will be closed with funds transferred to GTRL.

**Consultation** - The board reviewed the results of the Ranger Service & Gardens consultation event. The board discussed the concerns around the number of campervans/motorhomes arriving on the island that are not using the campsite. 11 out of 15 responses thought campervans should only arrive if they have a campsite booking. The board would like to invite CZ & AL to a meeting to discuss this further.

**Bell Ingram** - To be invited to a meeting with the board.

### **3. Members meeting / Distillery**

Outcome of the vote was 24 for and 23 against. Of the 7 "void" papers, 6 were marked as for and 1 was marked as against. The issue is that ticks and circles were used instead of a cross in the box.

The board previously discussed that they hoped for a 70% majority, however the majority still voted in favour and therefore the board are to let Craft Distillers Scotland (CDS) know that the site on North Ardmish land near the golf course has been earmarked for a distillery. The board will have to wait for feedback from CDS, however they expect that if plans are to move forward, CDS need to come to the island and present the proposal in person to the membership.

### **4. Achavinish**

Considerable work needs to be done to the property before it is re-let. The EPC rating is a band G and there are other issues that need to be addressed. Quotes are to be presented to the board to get an estimate of the works involved. A seasonal let may be advertised for the land depending on the scale of the works involved in the house.

### **5. Staffing**

The board approved for a First Gardener post to be advertised this summer.

The board discussed the need to possibility bring in additional help to move the Hotel project forward as well as assisting the office with ad-hoc matters. JM & AC are to discuss and prepare a potential job description for the board to discuss at their next meeting.

## **6. Staff Accommodation**

The issue of accommodation has been raised again for potential future Trust employees (First Gardener) and for seasonal businesses. The board discussed the possibility of basic units for temporary accommodation, such as pods. Quotes are to be sought for pods and landscaping to replace the caravans at the Hotel.

A complaint was made by a resident that the community nurse left the island due to not securing a property on the island. The board noted that the Trust did offer 2 properties to the nurse however the nurse refused these for different reasons (property size, location, etc). Other temporary solutions were also considered at the time such as private and holiday properties. The board acknowledge the need for accommodation on the island however the board felt they did all they could in this situation. The Home Hunt policy was also revised to further prioritise key workers.

## **7. Correspondence**

**Sound of Gigha** – There has been a request for a caravan to be sited on the campsite during the festival weekend for a band that is performing. The board approved this. A letter is to be issued to Kennacraig to notify the ferry skippers.

### **Next meeting dates**

- Bell Ingram: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May
- Board meeting: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May

**Meeting finished 9.20pm**