

IGHT Board meeting

Monday 20th May at 7pm - Trust Office

Present: Jane Clements (JC) – Director; Fergus Christie (FC) – Director; Adam Murphy (AM) – Director; Tim Lister (TL) – Director; Ian Pinniger (IP) – Director; Graham White (GW) – Director; Ian Wilson (IW) - Director; Jane Millar (JM) – Company Secretary

In Attendance: Andy Clements (AC) - IGHT Housing & Estates Manager; Bryony White (BW) – Head Gardener; Casey-Jo Zammit (CZ) - Countryside Ranger; Anna Lannigan (AL) – Campsite Manager

Minutes: JM

1. Welcome and Apologies

IW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Campervans & Caravans

AL & CZ were present to discuss the community consultation feedback regarding campervans on the island.

It was agreed that “no overnight parking” signs are to be installed in various places across the island – south end, north end, north of the shop.

It was agreed to assess the outcome of the signage before promoting an overflow parking area for campervans (we could potentially offer the Achamore Gardens coach turning area as an over-flow parking area - similar to Forestry Scotland, the parking would be limited to 1 night stay and donation has to be paid via QR codes).

The online messaging, signage at Tayinloan, and visitor leaflets are to be reviewed.

Trailer tents/folding caravans were raised as many try to book these into the campsite. The board agreed that Caravan Policy applies to these vehicles also and are not permitted on the island.

AL & CZ left the meeting at 7.30pm.

3. Achamore Gardens Phase 2 Development

BW was present to discuss the future developments of Achamore Gardens. Phase 2 has three main strands: improved visitor facilities; woodland management of the shelter belt; and sufficient plant propagation facilities to sustain the important plant collection.

It was recognised that the shelter belt is the main priority to safeguard the gardens. The board agreed for BW & JM to progress feasibility/development work further, but the board will review any financial commitments as they arise.

BW left the meeting at 8pm.

4. Monthly Management Report

IGHT	BALANCE AT 30.04.2024
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£89,521.08
INTEREST ACCOUNT	£599,094.25
CREDIT CARD	-£516.00
SIS LOAN (housing development)	-£320,000.00

GTRL	BALANCE AT 30.04.2024
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£166,055.39

GREL	BALANCE AT 30.04.2024
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£77,637.57
SINKING ACCOUNT	£91,399.16

Housing Survey – TL asked who would be carrying out the survey. AC will be doing this alongside the maintenance team. This is an external survey only, but tenants will be asked about any interior issues they wish to raise.

5. Achavinish

New heaters and a new bathroom need to be fitted in the property. The board agreed to a spending cap of £10k for this work and the maintenance team is going to do it. The property should be ready to advertise by the autumn along with the land.

8 interests were received for the seasonal land let. IW declared a conflict as he is interested in leasing a field. Bell Ingram will provide a recommendation for offering the land.

6. Tayinloan Overflow Car Park

The landowner in Tayinloan has offered a 1.48-acre field for freehold sale or to lease. The board agreed to discuss the possibility of a short-term lease (until October) and secure a change of use planning permission to operate as an overflow car park area. CalMac and the Council should continue to be lobbied regarding a more permanent solution. This will be discussed with the Transport Users Group.

7. Correspondence

Golf Course: The board agreed to a one off £2k payment to the golf course but the board would like to see the golf course accounts before providing future support.

Next meeting dates

- GREL board meeting: Thursday 23rd May at 1pm
- Bell Ingram meeting: Thursday 23rd May at 3pm
- IGHT board meeting: Monday 17th June at 7pm

Meeting finished at 10pm