

Minutes of Directors' meeting of 22nd August 2021

Present: Jess, Joe, Lynn, Sam, and Iain via Skype **Apologies:** Jackie, Rob

Minutes of last meeting: 15th April 2021 proposed by Lynn, seconded by Joe.

		action
	New directors Jackie, Rob and Sam welcomed. Sam offered to take meeting minutes, Jess accepted the offer.	Sam
	Jess to ask Wee to allocate new email addresses @easdale.org for each new director.	Jess
Matters Arising	Donation received for grey tractor; it is now awaiting collection.	
	Jess has received Interim Housing Report and will send to all directors.	Jess
	Hall heating – Jess to ask Coast Heating one last time to come and fix it. If they can't, can they recommend any other Heat Pump systems engineers. If not, Iain points out there are other Heat Pump engineers in the Oban area according to Google.	Jess
	Harbour scaffolding – Joe to speak to Alan MacFadyen.	Joe
	Museum exterior – Joe to get quotes for rendering. A working party will be organised to paint it once that is done.	Joe
Agenda items: Development Plans	Jess wondered if some of the funds currently held could be used to raise matched funding for playground equipment. Sam mentioned Jackie's offer via email to source funding for children's play equipment. More than the ring-fenced money could be used to attract matched funding. the Robertson Trust was mentioned as a possible source. Please could Jackie look into this and report back?	Jackie
Hall	Heating – see above re existing system. Alan May has been contacted regarding coin operated infra-red heaters, Jess to pursue.	Jess
	FIT [Feed in Tariff from photovoltaic panels on Hall roof] – Jess to ascertain amount and obtain for EE.	Jess
Potential event/bar/PA system	The directors agreed to a gig by Steve Farrell's band (The Wicked Hamptons) on October 16 th . The bar would be available but Lynn would need staff to run it. She pointed out that any bar staff would need to realise the responsibility of the position, no drinking allowed while on bar duty. Sam volunteered to be trained. Lynn said that Britt, Paige and Adele have all been trained, but might need refresher training. Sam to get trained and ask Britt/Paige/Adele if they want/need refresher training.	Sam/Lynn
	PA system is functional. Sam said she believed that Steve Sharp was interested in being trained to use it, and Lynn mentioned Tony DGx was too. Sam to ask Wee to get together with them and train them up.	Sam
	Joe said that other venues seemed to be applying a table seating format, masks to be worn when moving about the auditorium (to bar and loos), but not needed when seated as their COVID hygiene protocols.	Sam

	Sam noted that COVID hygiene protocols for events in village halls are available from A&B council website. Sam to see what is applicable to Easdale Hall.	
	(Joe had to leave)	
The bar	<p>There was some discussion about the role of the Hall Bar while the Puffer is closed. It was agreed to run a quiz night as a way of testing the island's interest in using the bar for social functions.</p> <p>The licence the Hall has is an entertainments licence so events have to be held for bar to be open.</p> <p>Lynn to ask Wee if he would be willing to run a quiz night as the first event, before the October gig.</p> <p>Lynn to look at stocking the bar</p>	Lynn
Micro-grant funding	<p>Up to £500 can be claimed from A&BC to fund <i>"equipment, materials and training that specifically contributes to the safe reopening of village halls or enables a community led activity at a village hall or facility with a focus on improving wellbeing or reducing isolation after the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic"</i>.</p> <p>It was agreed that funding for a steam cleaner and new seat covers/cushions for the Poang chairs be applied for – to improve Covid-safe cleaning and make the Hall more welcoming to the community.</p> <p>Lynn offered to make cushion covers/curtains if fabric was funded instead of finished cushions. Lynn to advise Sam on fabric quantities/costs</p> <p>Sam to get funding application in by August 30th.</p>	Lynn/Sam
	(Iain had to leave)	
Harbour	Still a few OS accounts for mooring fees.	Jess
Arts co-ordinator	<p>Sam offered to do this, and Lynn said there was interest from Rob, Bethan, Lynn and possibly Wee to get involved, so Sam stepped back.</p> <p>Keren is willing to support new arts co-ordinator(s).</p> <p>Jess to ask Keren to give the Hall Diary to Rob as a first step.</p>	Jess/Rob/Lynn
Museum	<p>Visitor numbers: 244 since the opening on June 1st.</p> <p>People would rather stay outside, unwilling to go into a building and mask up.</p> <p>Many enquiries about which quarry to swim in.</p> <p>Most payments by card. Review card machine provider in October 2022 when this contract ends.</p>	
Stone Skimming	With Keren and Mellon resigning this is an area of concern. It is believed that Michelle MacFadyen and Jan Fraser may be willing to continue to help organise it but more volunteers are needed. Mellon is willing to support a new team. Work should start in January, and a lot can be done remotely.	
	Sam to draft a notice seeking more people to help organise the Stone Skimming and circulate to directors for approval, then publish (notice board/islander group/email to EE members)	Sam
	There is a possibility that VisitScotland may help with organising events: Jess to forward an email she's received about this to all directors.	Jess

Membership	All directors encouraged to recruit new members. Membership forms can be downloaded from the website.	All
Treasurer's Report	Balance as 21st Aug - £31,093.58 (plus £3,012.00 Harbour fees paid by A&BC into a dormant account which needs to be moved to main account.) Jess arranging change of signatories to bank accounts	Jess
Website news	Welcome Baby Lucas Smith who arrived on the island on 14 th May! Welcome to new residents Rob, Sue and Alex in The Old Quarrymaster's House (formerly No. 55). Very sad to say goodbye to Des, Laura, Finn and Elsie who will be sorely missed on the island – we wish them all the best in their new adventures. Many thanks to everyone involved in Coal Day this year. 34 tonnes of assorted fuels were distributed around the island by a very large team of residents, homeowners, guests and holidaymakers! Congratulations to Clara who will be going off to Uni later this year, and to Duncan on his exam results!	
AoB	In response to a question from Sam it was explained that EE is not a residents' association but aimed at bringing about capital projects. EE would welcome the establishment of a residents' association.	
	There is an apparent recurring £25 invoice for "audio guides" which seems to be a scam. Jess and Lynn to resolve.	Jess/Lynn
	The old shed behind the museum has been dismantled and it and assorted rubbish from the museum are to be taken away using a trailer offered by Jess. Possible date 3 rd September, to be confirmed by Jess after checking tide times. Lynn to design a poster calling for volunteers to help with this. Sam to share with Islanders' messenger group.	Jess/Lynn/Sam
	Asset maintenance schedule: Jackie asked via email if there is a maintenance schedule for the assets managed by EE. There is not, maintenance is carried out on an ad hoc basis.	
	In response to a question from Sam: Annabel is the EE bookkeeper.	
Date of next Meeting	TBC	