

Minutes of Eilean Eisdale Directors' meeting, 3/01/2024, 4.30pm, 12, Easdale Island

Present: Samantha Payn, Jackie Inch, Rob Hadfield

Chair: Rob Hadfield

Minutes: Sam Payn

Item		Action
Minutes of the meeting dated 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	To be presented and reviewed at the next meeting.	
Resignations	The directors accept the resignations of both Lynn Noble and Rob Grigg with immediate effect. Jackie has removed their details from the Companies House register. Wee has cancelled their EE email addresses and any diverts directed to them are now forwarded to "directors" email address. Rob H has removed them from the Directors' Messenger group.	
	Rob to reclaim office keys and any other property of EE from them both, and from Jess Hill who also still has an office key.	RH
	Sam to write to Lynn and Rob expressing directors' gratitude and confirming the above.	SP
	All three remaining directors expressed willingness to continue to serve until the AGM. Three is the minimum number of directors permitted for EE.	
AGM	Jackie to draft a letter to members and the community stating that the AGM will be held at Easter. The delay, engendered by the need for finalised accounts to present to members, will give directors an opportunity to prepare some proposals regarding the structure of EE moving forward and for new directors to be sought from the community. All current directors will stand down and, if they are willing to continue to serve, should be nominated and seconded by EE members rather than being re-selected by default. The existing directors undertake not to nominate or second each other to be directors in order to ensure a board clearly selected and elected by members moving forwards.	JI
Change of structure for EE	It was agreed that it would be worthwhile exploring new potential corporate structures for EE for the future that might reduce costs, improve transparency, emphasise the focus on community benefit and provide similar or better access to funding. Sam to find out more about Community Interest Companies (CIC), Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (SCIO) and Community Benefit Societies and report back to directors with the ultimate aim of putting a special resolution on a change of corporate structure to the AGM at Easter.	SP
Reducing costs	Jackie to speak to OSCR about whether an organisation the size of EE needs to present full accounts to OSCR – preparing them takes a sizeable part of our income which cannot be what OSCR want.	JI
	Jackie to pursue the electricity companies for lower tariffs and removal of a redundant meter in the museum.	JI
	Sam to contact four Scottish accountants who specialise in charities asking for quotes for the work we need. Also to mention we may change our structure in the future and ask for input/comments.	SP
	Banking – not so much to reduce costs as to improve management of funds, Sam to look at moving our account to Starling bank, as completely online. Check costs, especially of cash deposits.	SP
Harbour charges	Rob suggested £5 for a day fee and £10 for an overnight stay. Jackie	RH/JI

	has generated QR codes for this. Rob to test and then get durable versions printed for display around the harbour and on the buoys.	
Hall and bar	Sam has arranged to meet and chat with Eric Dearie our licensing standards officer, on 26 <sup>th</sup> January, to explore how we can best use the hall spaces (bar/hall/reception/outside?) flexibly in the future, and what changes to the operating plan may be necessary.	SP
Museum	Reporting mechanism for the museum to be reviewed at a future meeting, now that Lynn and Rob are no longer directors providing reports and information.	
Future meetings	In order to focus the attentions and actions of the remaining directors most effective it was agreed that frequent short meetings would be best for the foreseeable future – fortnightly.	
Date of next meetings	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024, 5pm Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2024, 5pm	