

Eilean Eisdeal Directors' meeting

Minutes of meeting dated 30th May 2024, 7.30 pm in Easdale Community Hall/via zoom.

Present: Amanda McCrirrick (AM), Mike MacKenzie (MM), Jhennia Leipert (JL), Jackie Inch (JI), Samantha Payn (SP)

Chair: JL; Minutes SP

		Action
Apologies	None	
Conflicts of interest	None	
Minutes of last meeting, 2/5/2024	Proposed by MM, seconded by JI	
Matters arising	Directors' biographies: SP to collate and circulate.	SP
	Cooker hood – MM to contact Leo Faccenda to come and fix it.	MM
	Risk Matrix – JI to take on drafting a risk matrix for all directors to consider and comment on as AN has now resigned as director.	JI
Governance	Conflict of interests policy – the draft policy was submitted to directors for approval and accepted by the meeting. SP to file in Policies folder.	SP
	Discussion of director's roles:	
	Chairman – JL agreed to accept the post of Chair, on the understanding that it does not entail any increase in the workload she has agreed to take on	
	Communications Director – AM agreed to accept this role, as she is passionate about communicating with the community.	
	HR – SP and JL to meet to discuss how JL can move forward with this.	
	Strategic overview	
	EE faces many risks associated with the state of repair of the buildings and harbour. Revenue generation is urgently needed to become sustainable in the face of expected costs for work. Contact with HIE (Highlands and Islands Enterprise) needs to be reinstated and leveraged, as their remit is community sustainability.	
	It was agreed that 50% of the next directors' meeting be devoted to discussing how we prioritise and strategise our challenges and risks. Once we have a framework plan, a community meeting should be held to present our ideas and ask for input.	
	Discussed after JL left at 8.57pm: MM offered to revive EE contact with two lawyers who have been very helpful and offered some pro bono advice in the past. [redacted]. Those directors still present agreed it would be helpful to find out whether these links were still sound.	MM
Harbour	Ferry shed: facilities for the ferrymen are woefully inadequate and EE could and should approach ABC with a proposal to work together to bring the facilities up to the required standard. We can access funding that ABC cannot to bring this about, and it is in all our interests to do so.	
	Sam to remind Rob to send an invoice to Andy Haddon for his boat.	SP
	Architecture competition: Eilean Eisdeal have been approached by TerraViva (https://www.terravivacompetitions.com/), a company that organises architectural design competitions, regarding using Easdale as a location for a future competition.	SP
	The Eilean Eisdeal board discussed this, and agreed, suggesting that TerraViva base the projected competition on improving the ferry shed and waiting room. This aligns well with their company focus on redesigning existing buildings and designing for public spaces, and TerraViva have accepted our suggestion.	
	Eilean Eisdeal has no obligation to commit to anything regarding the	

results of this competition: we have merely agreed to provide photographs and factual information for the basis of TerraViva's brief for the competition. SP to progress with Tim and Will who are working with TerraViva on this.

Oil spill kits: 2 small kits to be purchased and stored in the ferry waiting room. SP

Museum

See Treasurer's report.

Hall

Gas certificate still needed for Hall kitchen. JL to chase. JL

Events/Fundraising

Although advance ticket sales for Antics gig have been disappointing (as of meeting date, 12 tickets sold online) SP has secured funding to cover the band fee so we will press on with promoting this event and hope for walk-up sales. The Puffer will offer discounted food to anyone who has bought a ticket for the gig. Some complimentary tickets will be available on the door for selected individuals.

Online ticket sales: Seil Hall use Eventbrite, AM has looked at an option that costs 79p/ticket for a plug-in to our website. AM to discuss more frictionless online sales options with Dale and Wee. Add in an opt-in donation button as well, everybody does it. AM

AM to pursue Rock and Reel for the Hall birthday party in September. MM
Everyone who was present at the opening in 2003 should be invited. Maybe Mellon has contact details for some.

David Duncan has been booked for a ceilidh in July. It may be possible to secure additional funding if he will run a workshop as well. SP to investigate. SP

Allocation of gift aid: JI, Bev and AM to finalise the details of allocation of gift aid. JI
AM

Swings for play park/funds: AM and JI to reconcile the play park funds with Bethan's figures. Once we are clear how much remains in the play park funds we can look at buying swings, too. AM reports that Bethan has found a set at a very attainable price.

Community projects

First Aid (Basic Life Support) course: half a dozen or so Islanders attended this free course which was very useful. Hannah Bailey-Thomas has offered to share information on what's in the emergency bags to all who attended. SP

Perhaps there is a need for a leaflet/information on emergency procedures for new residents/holidaymakers? SP

Treasurer's Report

JI presented museum visitor numbers from the records that Lynn has been keeping. Reporting for the museum to be formalised in the future. Unexpected expenditure this month has included topping up bar stock and paying the Public Music Licence fee.

Allocation of Income and Expenditure: Bev has been working from what was supplied to her by Annabel. This needs updating and is a work in progress for JI and Bev. AM to be included for comments.

Website/

Newsletter news

Next issue - draft of finance fun facts. Draft had been prepared, reviewed and accepted.

AOB

The Puffer was planning to produce a map of Easdale, and something similar is planned for a WSSC paper programme this year. Can the two be merged for mutual benefit? JL/JI

Date of next meeting

To be decided