

# Eilean Eisdeal Directors Meeting

25th February 2025 / 7:30 PM / REMOTE VIA TEAMS

## Attendees

Samantha Payn (SP), Jackie Inch (JI), Jhennia Leipert (JL), Kyle Mathews (KM), Dale Langley (DL) Chair: JL

## Apologies

None

## Conflicts of Interest

None Declared

## Minutes of Previous Meeting

Supplied by SP. Proposed by KM. JL to review and revert to SP with comments/if seconded.

## Treasurer's Report

- The January report was sent out and no feedback or questions were received
- There is a need to align categories with Bev, who produces a similar finance report with different categories
- The organization currently has about £22,000 in the bank, the healthiest it has been in at least a decade
- Most EE memberships are paid annually in February, and Jackie needs to check who has paid

## Secretary's Report

N/A

## Matters Arising

- SP has not yet written to Jonathan Feigenbaum regarding upgrades to the paths. It was agreed that a letter to Feigenbaum would be beneficial, using the HES report as justification for improvements to maintain the monument.
- It was suggested that long-term plans should consider purchasing access to the skimming quarry.
- The history of documents related to the quarry purchase should be readily available in shared folders for current and future directors. Documents are [here](#).
- The HES report was placed in the Museum committee section of the shared drive.
- SP shared the HES report directly with Antonia and Lynn, and DL confirmed that the folders can be shared with external email addresses.

## Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- SP will circulate information from the Memorandum and Articles Association about standing as a director, including nomination forms, with a nomination deadline of March 9th.
- The newsletter will include past events, the storm, upcoming events, and a call for directors and details on how to nominate and that nomination forms will be available digitally and physically..

- The AGM has historically been at 2:00 PM but it was agreed that this year it will take place at 2.30PM on the 20th April to better align with the Ferry Timetable.
- JL may be late to the AGM and will not be actively canvassing for votes
- Nomination requires a nomination and seconder on the paper in advance by EE members.

**Action** - SP to circulate the extract regarding AGM nominations, with instructions and provide the nomination form to current directors

**Action** - SP to include a call for directors' nominations in the newsletter

## Museum

- Refurbishment is progressing well, with display units fitted and bathroom plumbing completed.
- Rob Grigg is managing the sourcing and fitting of a new toilet and sink, with costs shared.
- Floor trip hazards need to be addressed.
- David Gilroy is due to come back to work on the windows. It was agreed that JL would contact David to discuss progress.
- Window boxes could be sponsored by businesses on the island.
- 6 windows have been fitted with secondary glazing and fixed with silicone seal.
- Antonia is progressing with Alan May regarding the electrics, aiming to pin down a date.
- Lynn has had good meetings with Energy Scotland, who offer loans for improvements.
- The Museum committee would like to do a small-scale museum opening party and a museum festival later in the summer. Project proposals need to be submitted for review.
- The Museum committee would like to increase the admission fee to £5 per adult.
- It was agreed that the Museum committee should put forward a proposal for things like 'friends of the museum' and that free access for islanders should be considered.
- It was suggested that a grant of £3,000 may have been awarded to Easdale Folk Museum some years back for handsets, but they were never purchased. JI confirmed that it was unlikely ever awarded because it would show up on financial reports.
- Antonia has sourced a number of microscopes that will be set up in the museum as an interactive display.
- The Turtleton trust application was completed and shared.
- The Royal countryside application was submitted in time.
- The Suez application deadline was too tight and will be considered again in May.

**Action** - JL to contact David Gilroy to discuss progress.

## Harbour

- Rob Hadfield and SP met with Atkins engineers, but the promised quote on sea defences has not yet been received.
- Atkins was a third quote after Antonia had sourced 2 quotes herself. JL offered to locate and circulate the other quotes that Antonia has received.
- The Harbour Committee sent in three questions:
  - Waving of tender fees for residents with boats on the remote pontoon.
  - Monthly pro rata pricing for residents based on a full year cost.
  - Inflation linked increases in fees in fees for the moorings.
- It was agreed to ask the Harbour Committee to define "tender".
- A discussion was held regarding the definition of "residents" and whether it should include homeowners. It was decided that a more useful categorisation would be "leisure" vs. "commercial" usage.
- It was agreed that the Harbour Committee needs to flesh out the details and put forward a business case of their changes.

- It was suggested linking fee increases to the consumer price index.
- SP will need to invoice Argyll and Bute Council for harbour use on the 6th of March.
- It was agreed that the invoice should be issued at the current rate to November, as per the contracts, and state that the rates will increase in November.

**Action** - SP to invoice A&BC for harbour use from March to November.

**Action** - SP to ask Harbour committee to define “tender” and outline financial consequences of changes to mooring fee structure.

## Hall

- Posters will be distributed for the next event, “Feast of Fools” shortly.
- The Valentine's night was very successful, thanks to all involved, specifically Hannah.
- The weather window for putting the swing setup may be approaching.
- There have been requests to get a new cooker, and there were multiple options discussed including electric and gas. No decision has been made.
- JL is looking to get a cost from the cooker canopy cleaning company.

**Action** - DL to take photos of the canopy and send to JL.

## Other Business

- Antonia has found some documentation from HES, and her idea was thinking that maybe we could use this information to create something that would encourage people to engage with the island.
  - Her idea is an app.
  - SP suggested that there are companies out there that will do this for you.
  - Insurance liability was discussed and it was agreed that JL will ask Antonia about the maps that the Heritage Museum hands out to see how they are managing insurance.

**Action** - JL to ask Antonia about the maps that the Heritage Museum hands out to see how they are managing insurance.

## Meeting Closed

9:00PM