

IGHT Board meeting

Monday 20th February 2023 at 7pm
Trust Office / Microsoft Teams

Present: Fergus Christie (FC), Andy Clements (AC), Jane Clements (JC), Jon Grunseth (JG), John McDonald (JMcD), Jane Millar (JM), Viv Oliver (VO), Ian Pinniger (IP), Graham White (GW), Ian Wilson (IW)

Minutes: JM

1. Chair Welcome & Apologies

IW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Monthly Management Report

IW updated that the listed creditors of IGHT have now been paid now that there are funds in from GGPL to assist with cashflow until the Gateway claims are received.

3. Hotel and Craft Unit 3

The board received a letter received from Andzela to end the lease on Craft Unit 3 as of 19th March.

The board agreed to put a letter to Ken asking to see his previous years Accounts. The letter should allow Ken only 7 days to respond. The board are to deliver this letter in person and follow up with a meeting with Ken.

4. Activity Centre

The board agreed the annual rent to cover the cost of insurance, boat hire licence and electricity. Craig Bott will be responsible for stock maintenance and renewals. The board suggested to offer some help with marketing of the business and review of pricing strategy.

5. Agricultural update

AC and JM had an inception meeting with Bell Ingram. AC is in the process of uploading and sharing all leases and maps for Bell Ingram to have access to. Bell Ingram is working on an hourly rate and will prepare indicative quotes for specific projects. A further board meeting is to be arranged to discuss agricultural matters such as future maintenance responsibilities.

6. Household Resilience Post

Inspiralba have offered funding for a 30 hour week Household Resilience Advocate post. The board agreed to advertise the post subject to the finalised job description being approved.

7. Ranger Role Job Description

The board agreed to the proposal Casey-Jo submitted and are happy for the Ranger job description to be formalised. A budget for 2023-24 needs to be agreed and should be reviewed by JM and Bryony. Funding should continue to be reviewed for supporting the Ranger Service.

8. Proposed Fish Farm Development

The Community Council are doing a survey of the community to gather feedback on the proposed fish farm development. The Trust will ask whether this information can be shared.

9. 2023 Board Action Plan

Suggested amendments: include the ACT woodland restoration project, include the potential MUGA project in partnership with the Parent Council, include investigating income generating projects.

10. Gigha Day arrangements

Plans for 15th March is to have a flag raising ceremony at 1pm outside the Craft Units.

N.B The housing development name should be announced with a prize awarded for the chosen name. There could be a potential turf cutting at the site should the building warrant be approved before then.

11. Working Groups

The board agreed to progress working groups.

12. Correspondence

It was suggested to ask Donald Graham to remove reference to Gigha when promoting shooting on his website.

A note is to be included in the next newsletter to ask for board correspondence to be issued at least 1 week prior to Board meetings (third Monday of every month) to ensure sufficient time is given to board members to review and discuss.