

South Islay Development



Board Meeting

On Thursday 27th of July 2023 at The Ramsay Hall

1. Welcome

Present: Jamie McFarlane (Co Vice-Chair), Gordon Currie (GC), John Findley (JF), Jackie Thomson (JT), Ian Faggetter (IF), Alyson MacGillivray (DM), Rosie MacLellan (PM) on Zoom, Danielle McKerrill (CEO).

The meeting was called to order by Jamie McFarlane (Co Vice-Chair).

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jim Porteous (JP), Pat McGrann (Chair), Jordan Paisley (JP), Dionne Johnston (DJ), Alex Gillespie (AG) and Rosie Gordon (RG).

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – 15/06/2023

DM update the board on the feedback from Ross Heads regarding the tree. The board were very happy to look at methods of preserving the tree. Minutes Proposed by JF and seconded by GC.

4. PEPF

Construction Programme

The PM updated that Procast has started levelling the area of the new building, and the area beside the pitch for car parking. Work on drainage and ducting for services is ongoing, with some delays due to the supply of materials. The first onsite meeting will be Thursday 3rd August, with the design team and Procast. Cashflow for the project shows the majority of the construction spend before Christmas, all going to plan. Glenmorangie has allowed the draw-down of the remainder of their funding to help act as cash flow. RCGF and HIE are both allowing drawdowns very quickly – money can reach SID's account between a week and 10 days after a request. The PM is confident at the moment that the funding can be managed in a way to ensure sufficient cash flow; however, this may become trickier once spending increases. The playpark is due to shut in mid-August for a month for relocation. **Action: PM will update the community on the playpark closure once confirmed by Procast. (Note for 24/08 meeting – this has not been done as the work is now happening later in the programme. Procast still to confirm when.)**

General Update

Expressions of Interest

The PM noted that there had been interest in rooms already. She would like to contact everyone that was initially interested and ask for an EOI / Business Plan – potentially by the end of August. The PM would also like to advertise interest in the kitchen / café space. The board confirmed they were happy with this, and the deadlines proposed. JT noted that the rooms should also be re-advertised to give anyone else a chance to express an interest. **Action: PM to advertise for rooms and Kitchen/ café and collate responses. (Note for 24/08 meeting – this has been advertised. Responses are now due by 10/09)**

The board discussed rent for the new building and the containers. **Action: PM to research other community buildings on Islay to gauge a range of rates. (Note for 24/08 meeting – discussion to follow on tonight's agenda. The board need to decide on rates).**

The Board discussed the possibility of having a separate electricity meter for each of the rental rooms, and the kitchen, with tenants paying electricity as well as rent. It was agreed this would be a good idea due to the potential for high power usage by some potential tenants, and rising electricity costs. **Action: PM to raise this with the design team. (Note for 24/08 meeting – this was discussed at the site meeting, and with the M&E team. Kilbryde is checking that there is space in the plant room for separate meters, then Armours to advise on cost).**

Power

PM updated that Procast has had to connect to the power box down near The Bothy, as they were unable to connect to the Hall. Procast has provided a meter reading from when they attached – The Bothy is responsible for payment up until that point. **Action: Following Board discussions PM to check if Procast is connected directly to Sheila's meter. (Note for 24/08 meeting – Yes they are. Procast has now signed a written agreement with SID taking responsibility for paying the electricity going forwards. This includes The Bothy usage. Reading is to be taken by Procast at the end of each month and invoiced by SID).**

5. Upcoming Fundraising Events/Activities:

Port Ellen Sports Day – It was a very successful and hard-working weekend. After all the bills are paid we should have about 10k profit in the bank, this is a great base to work and build on for next year to make it even bigger and better. To have more of the community involved would be great. It was agreed to create a Sports Committee going forward, a group for members of the

community out with SID as we definitely need more bodies to help set up and run both nights Ramsay's and the actual sports day too and then the clear up. **Action:- CEO to action going forward.**

Feis bottle square, lucky winner – Jordan proposed an idea of selling 100 squares for £10 a square to win 3 Feis bottlings, donated from Laphroaig, Lagavulin and Ardbeg £1000 was paid into the PEPF account towards the cost of a new lawnmower.

SID's Upcoming Events – 2023

Month	Date	Event	Time	Helpers	Venue Booked
July	Saturday 29th July	Summer Fair	12pm-4pm	Danielle and Rosie	The Columba Hall

August

	Friday 4th August	Family Ceilidh and raffle, tea/coffee and home baking	7pm- 10pm	Danielle and MYFOS	The Columba Hall
	Saturday 5th August	Wedding Bar	5pm-1am	NEED HELPERS FOR	The Ramsay Hall
	Saturday 12th August	Family Bingo Night and raffle. Tea/ Coffee and home baking	7pm-10pm	NEED HELPERS FOR	The Columba Hall
	Friday 25th August	Darts and Pool night	8pm-1am	Danielle and young SID	No1 Charlotte st pub
	Saturday 26th August	Beach party	12pm-3pm	Danielle and young SID	North Bay beach

Community Event

SID U/R Fundraiser

Both

100 Club – A discussion was had with the board about starting a 100 Club for Port Ellen Playing Fields. **Action – CEO to take this forward. £40 small lottery license application has been applied for, awaiting a response from A&B council.**

Helpers were agreed for the below events: JT Summer Fair, JF and IF wedding bar 5 pm-10 pm, JT Family bingo.

6. Monthly Financial Update

- Monthly Financial Report – No questions from monthly accounts.
- Audit – Will take place October 2023 with an AGM around November 2023
- Graduate Apprenticeship – DM updated the board that there was one application. The board will interview and feedback at the next meeting. **Action:- PMG and IF to interview. DM to set up interview time.**

7. The Ramsay Hall/Sonas Childcare

The Dm sent around the draft plans for the board to look over. A community consultation is planned for Thursday 3rd August in the SID Office with tea, coffee and home baking available. The Design Team will be present to answer any questions from the community.

8. AOCB

SITCo – JF gave a brief update on the Filling Station i.e., new staffing, maintenance and the new financial procedures for recording yearly overviews.

New Community Projects/Funding - JMF proposed that ISG is looking to support any community projects/ ideas that we may have, that haven't been funded yet. Staff will discuss and feedback to the board. **Action:- SID Staff to work up a letter.**

Islay Ferry Update – Jim Porteous, ICC Secretary sent an update for the board on the current ferry status. It highlighted the following:-

Operational Update for the Finlaggan, update on timescales and capacity for the ferry service alongside an update on the new ferries.

Ferries Community Board - A meeting was attended on 12th July with the new Transport Minister, Fiona Hyslop. Project Neptune and the CHFS contract were discussed and the importance of community input and engagement in all matters regarding ferries was highlighted and fully acknowledged. The next formal FCB meeting is due on 1st September.

9. Date of the Next Four Meetings: 24th August, 21st September, 26th October, 30th November (poss. AGM)