

# South Islay Development

## Board Meeting

On Thursday 15th of June 2023 at The Ramsay Hall



### 1. Welcome

**Present:** Pat McGrann (Chair), Jamie McFarlane (Co Vice-Chair), Gordon Currie (GC), John Findley (JF), Jordan Paisley (JP), Ian Faggetter (IF), Alyson MacGillivray (DM), Rosie MacLellan (PM) on Zoom, Dionne Johnston (DJ), Alex Gillespie (AG) Danielle McKerrill (CEO).

The meeting was called to order by Pat McGrann (Chair).

PMG informed the group he will be absent at the next meeting and asked JMF to chair. JMF agreed.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jackie Thomson (JT), Jim Porteous (JP), and Rosie Gordon (RG).

### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – 18/05/2023

Football Tournament – No update from the footballers.

Proposed by JF and seconded by DJ – Motion Passed.

### 4. PEPF

#### **Construction Start & Programme**

PM updated that Procast were onsite Friday 9th June, with two contractors who will be involved in moving the playpark.

Site welfare facilities are due to be onsite w/c 19th June. The site manager George will be onsite from then on during the week. He will have a full-time presence.

Quotation received for new playpark kit. Comes in approx. £3.5k over the secured budget but in discussions with Armours and Procast at the moment to add the installation into the Procast contract. This could save the Wicksteed installation costs.

The Programme is To Be Confirmed. Delays with this due to issues securing groundworks contractor.

Procast has provided a letter to be issued to residents in North Bay next week. **Action:- The PM also plans to put out a brief notice from SID with any access restrictions to be aware of.**

#### **Ground Breaking**

Date 29<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30 pm. PM asked the directors what they would like to see or do at the ground-breaking ceremony.

**Action: PM following up on the details for the ground-breaking.**

#### **General Update**

**PEPF Tree** – Ross Heads notified the board that a tree is causing concern outside his gate beside the memorial shelter. It has loose roots and he has asked Ryan Swarbrick to take a look at it. He is asking approval for to remove the tree. The board stressed concern about removing. A healthy tree and wanted to ask Ryan for his option and see if any other way to solve the issue. **Action – DM to follow up with Ross Heads and Ryan Swarbrick.**

**Lawnmower** – DM discussed with the board about trading in the old John Deere lawn mower to Glenside Tractors. It was proposed as a good idea by JF and seconded by JMF. Discussions about a new lawn mower will wait till after the summer fundraising.

### 5. Upcoming Fundraising Events/Activities:

**100 Club** – A discussion was had with the board about starting a 100 Club for Port Ellen Playing Fields. The proposal was proposed by JF and seconded by GC. **Action – CEO to take this forward.**

**Sports Day** – A discussion was had about the location of the venue, the events planned and the helpers available.

## SID's Upcoming Events - 2023

Month	Date	Event	Time	Helpers	Venue Booked
<b>June</b>					
	Sat 24th June	Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championship Ceilidh night	7pm	<b>NEED HELPERS FOR</b>	The Ramsay Hall
	Wed 28th June	Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championship Community evening	5pm	<b>NEED HELPERS FOR</b>	No1 Beer Gardens
<b>July</b>					
	Sat 1st July	Live Band Night	8pm	<b>NEED HELPERS FOR</b>	The Ramsay Hall
	Fri 7th July	Family Ceilidh and raffle, tea/coffee and home baking	7pm	Danielle and young SID	The Columba hall
	Fri 21st July	Adults disco	10pm	Jordan, Gow, Dionne, Danielle and Rosie	The Ramsay Hall
	Sat 22nd July	SPORTS DAY and night	12pm & 9pm	Jordan, Gow, Dionne, Danielle and Rosie	Playing fields area and The Ramsay Hall
	Sat 29th July	Summer Fair	12pm	Danielle and Rosie	The Columba Hall
Community		SID U/R Fundraiser	Both		

### 6. Monthly Financial Update

- Monthly Financial Report – No questions from monthly accounts.
- Audit – processing starting again with William and Duncan. Stocktake complete.
- Graduate Apprenticeship – DM updated the board that there were no applications. Inspir Alba has suggested top re-advertise highlighting the benefits and options for collaboration with local businesses to increase the hours/scope. **Action:- The post is being advertised shortly, and all directors are asked to share widely.**

### 7. The Ardbeg All Islay Fund:

DM updated the board that the press release for the awarding charities has been released widely. The Next Steps are:- Issuing award letters and funding, photo shoot press releases for the groups, and issuing the end-of-grant reports and case studies of the activities in the community. The DM will continue to work closely with the groups to ensure a smooth process from award to completion. The panel will be meeting in late summer to review their part of the process.

### 8. Sonas Childcare/Ramsay Hall

The Ramsay Hall project (PEPF Phase Two) is progressing forward with funding from the All Islay Fund. Bruach Architects are working on the feedback from the Assets and Education Department to update the principle plans ready for community consultation. DM is looking into various capital revenues to take the project forward in 2024.

### 9. AOCB

**SITCo** – JF updated the board on the past month at SITCo. They are currently advertising for new staff. Staff are completing daily checks on the jet wash to ensure that customers get the best service. DNM updated the board that Laphroaig Distillery has agreed to have a community day at the Filling Station. The board are very grateful for this excellent support. Currently, the staff are struggling to manage the supply-demand of petrol due to a shortage on the island. They will monitor closely with protocols put in place.

**SID Capacity** – PMG discussed the need to find a minute taker as this is putting pressure on the SID capacity with no admin secured so far. He has a person interested. Board agreed this was needed.

**Ferry Update** – IF passed on an update from JP. Port Ellen will not be ready in time for new ferries, particularly if TS agrees to fund the recommended future-proof option. Decision awaited. At the ICCFC meeting this eve which will be attended by a couple of Cal Mac senior execs. There is a lot to discuss regarding the current abysmal service, contingency if Hebridean Isles is still broken when Fin returns, etc. We had to intervene recently to unblock patient transport bookings - how bad is that! Minutes of our FC meeting in May are on the ICC website, also my report on ferries in the CC meeting minutes.

**10. Date of the Next Three Meetings:** 27<sup>th</sup> July, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 21<sup>st</sup> September