

South Islay Development



Board Meeting

On Thursday 18th of May 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), Alyson MacGillivray (DM), Rosie MacLellan (PM), Dionne Johnston (DJ).

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

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Danielle McKerrill (CEO), Jackie Thomson (JT), Ian Faggetter (IF), Jim Porteous (JP), Rosie Gordon (RG), and Alex Gillespie (AG).

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – 16/03/2023

Proposed by JF and seconded by GC – Motion Passed.

4. Monthly Financial Update

- Unrestricted Budgets – DM raised the matter that now events are back up and running the charity needs to build up its unrestricted budgets to cover core running costs and any unplanned circumstances.
- Monthly Financial Report – SM is progressing nicely through the accounts ready for the end of the year at the end of May. **Action:- Staff and SM working on the April accounts and they will be shared when up to date.**
- Graduate Apprenticeship - Inspira Alba has approached SID to consider a Graduate Apprenticeship.
Action:- The post is being advertised shortly, and all directors are asked to share widely.

5. PEPF

VAT Update

- PM updated on a meeting with Susanne, and Alastair from Willian & Duncan.
- PM is in the process of setting up a meeting with Procast's finance team to discuss VAT. Hoping they will agree to a zero rate approx. 43.7% of the construction VAT costs on the new pavilion. This only relates to the cost of the new pavilion, as the MH area business and 100% reclaimable now SID is registered for VAT.
- Significant savings across the project as a whole between reclaiming and zero rating.

Construction Start & Programme

- Procast were onsite Wed 10th May for a meeting and walkover.
- Construction is to start in early June. Laura has issued a site commencement notice to A&BC outlining the intention to start work. Programme expected soon but it looks like the playpark will now be the first bit of work done.
- Prepare new site, drainage etc. Move the kit a piece at a time. Fence off areas as they go, so there will still be access to the rest of the park.
- The PM confirmed SID can now order the new kit.
- The PM is also in touch with A&BC as they have a budget to refurbish council-managed parks. Likely to involve fixing swings / broken kits/painting/maintenance etc and potentially other new items. Waiting for A&BC to go out for a consultation on this.
- Prior to starting Procast send over a letter for issue to nearby residents. The PM also plans to put out a brief notice with a rough programme, and any access restrictions to be aware of.

Ground Breaking - Procast to issue suitable date.

General Update

Clerk of Works

- A Clerk of Works has been appointed for the duration of construction.
- Meeting with PM on Monday 22nd to discuss the project. Will attend progress meetings from now on.

Football Club.

- Football festival potentially on the 24th of June – Procast has indicated only work at this stage will be between playpark areas. PM has let the FC know (via email on 16th May) but hasn't received a response yet.
- PM Currently trying to source funding towards two containers for the footballers to use as changing spaces. Cost depends on spec, but have found some that come lined, insulated, floored, high-up windows and lockable doors.

New Electricity Connection

- Ongoing. **Action -JMF to review options and site plinth and box.**
- Board agreed to give PEHA the box currently on site, as they need one urgently. A replacement is due to arrive next week.

6. The Ardbeg All Islay Fund:

The panel are progressing through the application with due diligence. It's been a hard task due to the high number of applications in its first year. The panel have planned an extra meeting in late May to finalise the decision. As soon as this is complete they will feedback directly to Glenmorangie, let all applicants know of their outcome and alongside a press release to the community.

7. Upcoming Fundraising Events/Activities:

Sports Day - Procast didn't seem overly concerned about Sports Day being on the Playing Fields. Will tidy up the site as much as possible prior to that weekend, and make sure everything is secure.

SID's Upcoming Events - 2023

Month	Date	Event	Time	Helpers	Venue Booked
May					
	Sunday 21st May	Island wide Car Scavenger hunt	1pm	Danielle and Young SID	Public toilets
June					
	Friday 9th June	Family Ceilidh and raffle, tea/coffee and home baking	7pm	NEED HELPERS FOR	Cyber Café
	Sunday 11th June	Summer Scavenger hunt	1pm	Danielle and Young SID	Start at The Bothy
	Saturday 17th June	Community Garden party	12pm	Port Ellen Mothers and Toddlers	Community Gardens
	Saturday 24th June	Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championship Ceilidh night	7pm	NEED HELPERS FOR	The Ramsay Hall
	Wednesday 28th June	Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championship Community evening	5pm	NEED HELPERS FOR	No1 Beer Gardens

Community Event

SID U/R Fundraiser

Both

8. AOCB

SITCo – JF updated the board on the past month at SITCo. They have been completing daily checks on the tanks to ensure no water in the tanks. The staff are pleased to say NO water has been traced. DM updated the board that the staff has ceased selling vapes at the Filling Station due to the increased health concerns nationally.

Beach Cleaning – DM informed the board that James and Logan Porter had offered to rake the beaches again this year for charity. The board extended their thank you for assisting make the village look beautiful for the summer months ahead. **Action – DM to organise thank you.**

Citizens Advice Bureau – DM updated the board on volunteering opportunities for Islay. The board agreed at the moment they don't have the capacity but would review it when the new building is complete.

CPO Placements – The DM updated the board on an enquiry to accept placements from CPO. The board agreed at the present moment they didn't have the capacity. Reconsider once the building is open.

9. Date of the next three meetings: 15th June, 27th July, 24th August