

South Islay Development

Board Meeting

On Thursday 20th of April 2023 at The Ramsay Hall



1. Welcome

Present: Pat McGrann (Chair), Jamie McFarlane (Co Vice-Chair), Ian Faggetter (IF), Jim Porteous (JP), Rosie Gordon (RG), Gordon Currie (GC), John Findley (JF), Jackie Thomson (JT), Alex Gillespie (AG), Jordan Paisley (JP), Alyson MacGillivray (DM), Rosie MacLellan (PM), Danielle McKerrill (CEO).

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Pat McGrann (Chair).

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dionne Johnston (Co Vice-Chair).

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

Proposed by AG and seconded by GC – Motion Passed.

4. Monthly Financial Update

- Monthly Financial Report – **Action:- Staff and SM will update the board with the new financial reporting form for April at the May Meeting.**
- Staff Revenue – A new 5-year plan for revenue to be drawn up with new requests for funding to be applied for DM, CEO and PM revenue. **Action:- DM to feedback and work with the management group on this plan.**
- Graduate Apprenticeship - Inspira Alba has approached SID to consider a Graduate Apprenticeship. **Action:-PMG and DM to look over proposals and develop job descriptions and funding strategy for years 2/3/4.**

5. PEPF

Construction-start and programme:-

- PM updated on the Pre-start meeting which took place on Tuesday 18th April.
- A couple of Procast's staff will be on-site early in May to meet with other team members.
- Construction is to start in June, with completion scheduled for Spring 2024. The full programme is expected in the next few weeks.
- Clerk of Works: Bruach will be visiting monthly but has advised that a weekly CoW visit would be beneficial. Quotes are expected next week. **Action: Sub-group to take forward with PM**

Ground-breaking:-

- Procast to advise on a date which suits the construction schedule.
- DM to contact Ben Shakespeare about taking photographs. **Action DM to take forward once the date is confirmed.**
- The board discussed options for an event. Funders are to be invited. **Action: Sub-group to take forward with staff.**

Football Club:-

- PM gave an update on the meeting with Port Ellen Juniors FC.
- FC are to be kept up to date once a programme is available. Discussions are ongoing about having Football Festival (24th June) on the pitch if Herras fences up. Some of the FC committee is in favour, but they need to discuss further. Bowmore is no longer an option due to transport issues.
- FC confirmed that they will discuss the container / changing room option with the rest of the committee. Asked that SID set aside two containers for them for the moment (uptake dependant on rent, which SID need to discuss). **Action: FC to come back with further updates to PM.**
- Current storage in Ramsay Hall is preferred, but if the SONAS project goes ahead they would still like storage in the new Pavilion.
- Longer-term plans for changing rooms are to be discussed.

The Bothy:-

- Currently on the previous Wee Box plot but having trouble with electricity.
- PM is trying to get a new connection in asap. Iain Woodrow to provide a box, and SID Board members have volunteered to make the base. **Action:- PM to progress this forward.**
- The Bothy could stay on the current pitch until at least June, potentially a bit longer depending on the construction programme.
- Electricity down by the bowling green is now usable but Sheilagh has commitments that mean The Bothy needs to get in and out. The current track is boggy.
- Procast have confirmed that once they are on site vehicle access to the bowling green site won't be possible.
- SID Board discussed options. **Action:- DM to contact Live Argyll.**

PEPF Maintenance:-

- Mowers - DM and Archie Shaw have contacted Glenside to service and give a trade-in quote for the older John Deere Mower. **Action:- DM will update the board next month on the outcome.**
- Sheds - DM updated the board on the status of the two lean-two sheds. Plan of action decided by the board. **Action:- JF to move the stage beside The Bothy' for easy access for events. Needs new steps – JT will take this task forward.**

6. The Ardbeg All Islay Fund:

The fund's first year is moving along very smoothly with good feedback from the first panel meeting this week. The panel have 41 applications to read, assess and give feedback on. It's no small task! Attached is a statistics update of the applicants so far. The next panel meeting is on 1st May. The outcome for the fund is delayed to the week beginning 9th May. All applicants have been notified.

7. Upcoming Fundraising Events/Activities:

Sports Day

- This will take place this year on Saturday 22nd July.
- Discussion was made to decide on a location, due to the work being carried out at the playing fields. The PM mentioned we could hopefully use a similar location to last year. Fencing will be up around the football pitch, she will keep us updated on progress.
- The bowling green will be running competitions on this day, access will need to be made through the main gate at the roadside. **Action: The CEO to work with the PM to distribute the information on access.**
- CEO asked if it was possible for a separate bank account to manage Sports Day income and expenditure. DM said to use the PEPF unrestricted account, after overheads, insurance etc, an amount could be used for Sports Day and built up each year. **Action: The CEO to work with staff to determine the budget for this year.**
- A discussion was made to introduce a main sponsor for the event, the CEO to ask Laphroaig Distillery.

8. AOCB

SITCo – The board discussed having regular updates at the SID Meeting. JF and IF updated the board on the current status at Port Ellen Filling Station – regarding maintenance upgrades and regular fuel testing. Proposed: JF Seconded: JMF. **Action: JF to produce a monthly update.**

Rural Growth Deal – IF updated the board on the meeting to discuss the Rural Growth Deal with local representatives. **Action: IF will keep the board updated.**

New Projects – PMG suggested to the board that it was now the right time to be bringing new community projects or aspirations to the table to develop SID's strategic plan going forward. JMF suggested that the board look at new industrial spaces for small businesses to grow capacity as this is lacking in the community at present. **Action:- ALL the board and staff to take forward.**

9. Date of the next three meetings: 18th May, 15th June, 27th July

SID's Upcoming Events – 2023

Month	Date	Event	Time
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April	Saturday 22nd	Spring Fair	12pm
	Every Friday 21st April - 17th May	Port Ellen Primary School Primary 4 PE class. Junior Bowls	9:30am - 10:30am
May			
	Saturday 6th May	Coronation live televised show, Art and crafts and mosiac workshop	11am
	Sunday 7th May	Coronation Outdoor games and trasure hunt	2pm
	Sunday 7th May	Bowling green opens for the season	2pm
	Monday 8th May	Coronation Ceilidh	2pm
	Saturday 13th May	Boogie Boozy Bingo	8pm
	Sunday 21st May	Island wide Car Scavenger hunt	11am

Community Event

SID U/R Fundraiser

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