

**Isle of Bute Trust (IOBT) AGM: 20:30 22 September 16 (Green Tree Cafe)**

**Record of Decisions**

<b>Attendance</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Role</b>
Alisdair Johnston (ADJ)	IOBT	Chairman
Marlene Hill (MH)	For Bute	Trustee – Small Business
Iain Donald (ID)	IOBT	Trustee - Treasurer
Jean Moffat (JM)	IOBT	Trustee –Publicity/Kilchattan Bay/BCC
Alasdair Green (AG)	IOBT	Non-Executive Secretary
Sandy Ogilvie(SO)	IOBT	Trustee – North Bute
Johanna Schofield (JS)	IOBT	Trustee

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decision/Action</b>
<b>1. Introduction</b>	<b>ADJ</b>	
<b>2. Background to IOBT</b>	<p>Thanks to ID for setting up SCIO with OSCA</p> <p>Thanks to MH for initial donation of £500 which started the IOBT.</p> <p>Thanks to Ian Hamilton Legacy for provision of £15,000 plus gift aid</p>	
<b>3. Current projects</b>		
<b>a. Empty shops</b>	<p>Outcome of project was limited, although it encouraged others to take an interest including HIE and Bute Island Alliance. This has lead to the provision of pop up shop opportunities.</p> <p>During the project 3 sets of mapping were completed, which found fluctuations in the number and location of closed shops, with around 15% being unused at any one time, against a national average of 12%.</p>	IOBT will not proceed with project further as progress is being made by other parties.
<b>b. Calendar</b>	Successful project, costing around £70 per month to provide, with some support from advertising revenue.	IOBT will continue this, although with reduced print run during winter months. JS offered to help delivering calendars during October.
<b>c. Victorian toilets</b>	Project started to meet needs of the 6,000 people who visit Bute by yacht each year, but previously had very limited facilities. Project hopes to encourage more tourism. Was built using local craftspeople.	Project completed June 2016
<b>d. Ambulance shelter</b>	Shelter is needed due to the transfer of patients between	

	<p>ambulances prior to travelling on the ferry. BCC has given their full support for the project. Additional benefits will be to provide shelter for tourists on the Waverley and other visiting ships.</p> <p>Cost of project is £12,500, with Bute Blacksmiths being used for construction. A 3 year site lease has been arranged with A&amp;BC, with the likely start date in October or November, for completion around a week later.</p>	
4. <b>Treasurer's report</b>	<p>Cost of calendar came to £700 this year due to higher starting costs and then greater circulation during the summer.</p> <p>Other costs included a lock for the Bay Cafe, and key for the Victorian Toilets, as well as a limited amount of petty cash items.</p> <p>Gift aid remains to be recovered from the Ian Hamilton legacy, which is on the order of £4,000.</p> <p>Alison Johnston highlighted the availability of monthly community funding information by A&amp;BC.</p>	<p>Trustees agreed to continue to fund this next year.</p> <p>Trustees agreed this was something to be looked at further.</p>
5. <b>Trustees stand down.</b>	ADJ and ID stood down as trustees as per trust rules.	JM stands as acting Chairwoman.
6. <b>Suggestions for future projects</b>	<p>MH and JS suggested children's playground, crazy golf, chess and draughts on Promenade to replace amenities removed as part of flood defence work.</p> <p>A counter view by AG and SO was of the promenade as an attraction in it's own right, a playground would not improve this significantly, but would be costly.</p> <p>AG suggested regular events on the promenade to bring it to life. For example, the vintage tractor rally and funfairs.</p> <p>ADJ raised the previous idea of farmer's market located under Cabbie's rest, perhaps on a Sunday.</p>	<p>Trustees to continue to discuss and identify new attractions for the Promenade.</p> <p>ADJ to talk with Steve Neilson to discuss how to move this idea forward.</p>

	<p>Rent to the harbour authority and insurance would be needed.</p> <p>SO raised idea of donating funds to help the school buy textbooks.</p> <p>AG suggested alternative in support for apprenticeships with local firms, through funding and advice.</p> <p>ADJ discussed the tram project, which is currently lead by Jim Mitchell. The trust awaits further information regarding the funding application.</p> <p>ADJ mentioned Bute Berthing Company needs support to replace old pontoons. Funding may be available through the Coastal Communities Fund (National Lottery).</p>	<p>Majority view was that this would need a significant outlay for little gain.</p> <p>JM supported suggestion and agreed to take forward.</p> <p>No action required at present.</p> <p>Alison Johnston to look at this further. <b>Afternote.</b> We are out of time for the 2017 bidding round. Discussions with Bute Berthing continue, to fully cost the project.</p>
7. <b>AOB</b>	<p>MH has further funds available for the trust.</p> <p>ADJ and ID stood down as trustees as per the Constitution.</p>	<p>The trustees thanked MH for her continued support.</p>