Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust Board Meeting

Monday 14th June 2021

Trust Office & Microsoft Teams: 19.00

Present: Ian Wilson (IW), Fergus Christie (FC), Jane Clements (JC), Brandon Clements (BC), Ken Deacon (KD), Ian Pinniger (IP), Andzela Bajoruniene (AB), Hannah Fawcett (HF)

Minutes: Shona Bannatyne

Chair welcome & apologies

• IW welcomed the meeting. The meeting began at 19:00

Monthly Management Report

• Bank balances as at 31.05.2021	
IGHT current account:	£ 151,256.25
IGHT interest account:	£ 182,467.10
GTL current account:	£ 98,374.53
GTL holiday cottages account:	£ 56,113.88
GGPL current account:	£ 246,533.50
GGPL reserve account:	£ 22,137.60
GREL current account:	£ 125,079.09
GREL sinking fund account:	£ 55,637.16

• The E33 Enercon turbine was turning briefly on Sunday 13th June. Enercon are still to produce a report that can be passed on to the insurance provider for GGPL to make a claim for the downtime. Triodos Bank have been very helpful and have expressed no immediate concerns.

Countryside Ranger Report

- There is funding for a welcome hut which can be located next to the Activity Centre. The Board approved this with the possibility of moving it once the campsite is open.
- Scott Murdoch from Arran will be completing the path construction for the Gateway to Gigha Project from August to October. He has requested permission to bring a "hobby" caravan to the island for his staff for the duration of the works. The Board have approved this request. Scott can locate his caravan behind the Craft Workshops and he will have access to the visitor shower at the hotel, which is now also available to yachties.

Asset Sales and Plot Plan Report

- There are 3 parties interested in purchasing plots at Highfield, Croft 5 and next to the Village. These sales are not included in the budget. Finance from plot sales will be put towards development projects and any asset sales will be put towards debt reduction. With the Trust being in a more secure financial position, the need to sell assets other than those already identified i.e. Kinnererach, is not necessary at this time.
- The Board discussed the information provided on serviced plots by DM Hall. The installation of services and obtaining planning permission is to remain the responsibility of the buyer.
- The Board wish to meet specifically to discuss plot sales as it is an issue that is brought up often and with many decisions to be made.

Mobile Phones for Staff

Mobile phones for staff working out-with the office was discussed. This is to avoid personal phone numbers being shared as well as receiving out of hour calls and using the employees personal phone allowance. Suitable phones and contracts have been identified at a cost of £55-£71 per month for either 3 or 4 phones – Countryside Ranger, Marketing Graduate, Development Manager and possibly 1 other. The Countryside Ranger phone will have more data and a higher spec camera. The board agree to taking on 4 contacted phones for a period of 24 months.

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• IW provided an update on the campsite. The contractor will commence works in early July.

Meeting ended: 21:00

Next meeting: Monday 12th July 2021 @ 19:00