

ISLE OF LUING COMMUNITY TRUST

Registered Charity SC036441

Minutes of the Directors Meeting held at The Swallows on 20 July 2008 at 2000

Present

J Robertson (Chairman), A Fleming, P Hooper (Secretary), M Barlow (Treasurer), D Mackenzie, N Bissell.

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1	Apologies None	
2	Minutes The minutes for the meeting held on 15 May 2008 were read and adopted.	
3	Matters Arising Fund raising the Yoga Day, photographic course and the mountain bike course have yet to be arranged. The website update has been completed successfully. Coastal erosion D Clarke met with the Trust and the Community Council and B Wilson to look at the beach works required. DC said that he could probably complete the work to the north where the large rocks outcrop to the sea. DC said that this could be "new work" and therefore VAT free but that he would look into this. It was agreed that a soup lunch would be organised to raise funds for this work. AF reminded the meeting that a flyer around Cullipool with a Gift Aid form had been agreed. SIF AF said that a direct government grant had failed to materialise and that they were now applying for Leader funding. Geopoetics NB reported that a bid for funds had not been successful. It was still possible that a summer school on Luing would be held next year as well as in Leith.	PH MB
4	Engine Shed A composite resolution was put to the board to try to clarify the way ahead for this and the other Trust projects. The resolution was discussed and some amendments suggested and this amended resolution was carried unanimously (copy attached). The meeting with C Beuger of Nadair Trust on 15 July 2008 was discussed and it was agreed that in the present climate funding streams will be very difficult to secure and would need a wide range of funding sources. This will take time and the fact that Nadair was to be mothballed until further notice was not good news. The Trust will have to find other sources of help to put together a proper funding package. It was agreed, by 5 votes to 1 that the Engine Shed project should proceed to full planning permission stage. This would involve a further meeting with the architect and the completion of the ground survey for siting the septic tank and soakaway. JIG has made a preliminary survey and left protocols to follow if the land to the south of Cullipool House can be investigated. JIG will submit their report to the architect, copied to the Trust. A new business plan will be required with an increased figure for the turnover because of the new emphasis on loans rather than direct grants.	
5	Affordable Housing AF reported that there were now two possible routes to funding for affordable housing. Environment Trust Scotland are trying to set up a Green Homes scheme similar to a successful scheme in England, whereby up to 8 trust housing schemes at a time can be funded through the building stage, with money repaid as houses are sold into co-ownership. Another route involves investment in a scheme by Norwegian pension funds looking for a reliable return of about 4% on their investment; Carlo Beuger	

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	introduced AF to Chris Cook at the DTAS conference, and CC later visited Luing to look at the site. A follow-up response is awaited.	
6	Conservation Area review document The Trust has produced a considered response to the draft appraisal plan produced by A and B Council. The plan was intended as a discussion document and the Community Council is leading the community response and the Trust document will form a part of that. A public meeting is to be held with A and B council on 24 July 2008. The board thanked AF for his input to this document.	
7	Calendar for 2009 The theme for next years calendar is to be a wildlife one. AF said that a print run of about 60 copies at £5 each would generate £100 for Trust funds.	AF
8	Drain adjacent to 29 Cullipool JR said that A and B Council dealt with this the last time that it was cleaned and that he would speak to the Community Council at the next meeting.	JR
9	Any other competent business A revival of the Luing Food Fair/Festival was suggested. This could showcase local and locally produced foods. It had been very successful in the past and may do so again. AF asked if the SAC plinth could be started to allow the interpretive panel to be installed. He also asked if Steve Pardue had redone the Island Tool Kit CD's so that they could be used by the Trust. PH said that he had received the updated discs.	MB/DmckK PH
10	Next Meeting To be decided.	