

Isle of Luing Community Trust

Atlantic
Islands Centre
Ionad Dualchais Nan Eileanan A-Staigh

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10 June 2013

The Directors met yesterday and discussed the letter of 6 June 2013 and ballot issued by Shane Cadzow. **We have decided that the Trust should take no part whatsoever in this ballot which has no validity.** The reasons are:

1 We were surprised and disappointed not to be consulted in advance about this and we understand that Luing Community Council was not consulted about it either.

2 On 31 January 2011 Argyll & Bute Council held a full public hearing in Cullipool Hall where all views were considered and it decided unanimously to grant full planning permission for the Atlantic Islands Centre to be built on the Engine Shed site. This is the democratic process by which such decisions are made.

3 If for any reason we were not to proceed to build the Centre at our Engine Shed site the £1.3 million funding which we have achieved will be withdrawn and is unlikely to be offered again for an alternative site.

4 If the Centre were not to proceed at this site, the Luing community will lose the prospect of a museum, a café restaurant, 2 workspaces, an arts and heritage exhibition and events space, much needed jobs, and all the heritage, educational, health and economic benefits they will bring.

5 This ballot is unfair and undemocratic since it has been constructed in such a way that it deprives at least 35 adult residents and all the young people of Cullipool of a vote. It also denies a vote to many other residents of Luing outwith this area.

6 There is no way of checking the authenticity and source of the ballot papers which are received and so the results will have no validity.

At yesterday's Board meeting the Directors also considered the three formal tender offers received by the notified closing date, and in accordance with good tendering practices agreed to proceed with the actions necessary to enable appointment of the lowest priced contractor.

Trust Directors

