

GBCDT Monthly Meeting 15/10/25

Start time 19:30 @ Bernera Hall

Present: Zoe Macinnes, Helen Strong, Catherine Muir, Mark Bryant (via web call)

Apologies: Anna Macdonald, Melanie Muir, Calum Fraser

1. Introductions, welcomes
2. Minutes of the last meeting, Zoe approves last month's minutes, Mark seconds.
3. Actions arising: Melanie to get password and bank card so she has full access to the accounts as Treasurer.
4. Communication:
 - a. Trust emails - We need a new role for admin as Jo is leaving her role on the Trust. Zoe to work with Jo on the admin/emails until we have someone who can look take on this role. The Trust will put a call-out to the community to see if there is anyone who can do this.
 - b. Website - BCC to pay for domain and hosting costs of the new community website. The current hosting contract is to be renewed in June 2027, the BCC will cover the costs for hosting and the next renewal, which will be June 2031.
 - Helen provided an update of the website meeting, including what to add to the GBCDT page. "What we do" "Who we are" etc. She will take any feedback to the next website meeting.
 - c. Membership list to undergo full audit.
5. Buyout update - John Porteous met with HIE. Catriona Ramsay from HIE has provided a list of amendments that need done for the articles to continue with the Buy Out process. HIE have offered to provide support in the completion and funding for this work. The Trust are happy with this and approve this support and funding.
 - Email from Catriona Ramsay states one member's details are missing from Companies House. Anna is not noted on the Companies House Directors list, Mark to update this.
 - The Mapping needs updated to proceed with the buy-out, there is

a significant amount of work needed on these updates.

- There is a list of community suggestions from approximately 3-4 years ago that is worth circulating with the board and wider community, this could be linked into the buy-out business plan.
6. a. Development Officer/Grants – Potential funding for Development Officer, HIE has previously funded this for the Trust. They are not currently funding this, but have noted our needs and will let us know if their position changes. Rachel at HIE could send us potential funders – Trust will chase this up with her.
- b. Mental Wellbeing and Wellness fund – BCA are already looking into this, Catherine to speak to Norma and Jo at the BCA to discuss potential collaboration with the Trust in the application, if not this year, then possibly for next year.
7. Dubhthob (Kirkibost Pier & Harbour)
- a. Services provided: pontoon mooring; motorhome and EV hook ups; showers/toilets; laundry; wifi; office space
 - b. Actions required:
 - i. Complete shower block and get completion certificate
 - ii. Market the facility to yachts, motorhomes – to be done via new website
 - iii. Additional items (camera's, signage etc) – to discuss with local councillors for possible funding
 - iv. Business plan – Catherine to send the current updates and have HIE complete this re. their offer for this as stated above.
8. Articles update – Mark is liaising on this and it is a work in progress.
9. Gain the trust of the Community – Keep consistent, possibility for open day in the future.

Meetings held every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Next meeting 19th November