

IGHT Board Meeting

Monday 17th February 2025 at 1pm – Trust Office

Present: Jane Clements (JC) – Director; Fergus Christie (FC) – Director; Tim Lister (TL) – Director; Adam Murphy (AM) – Director; Ian Pinniger (IP) – Director; Graham White (GW) – Director; Ian Wilson (IW) – Director; Jane Millar (JM) – Company Secretary/Senior Manager

In Attendance: Bryony White (BW) – Head Gardener

Minutes: JM

1. Welcome & Apologies

IW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Achamore Gardens Storm Recovery

- Fundraising is nearly at £19,000.
- There has been press coverage already, and STV have enquired about running the story.
- Adam Riedi (tree safety inspector) is still to agree dates but hopes to come across early March to carry out the initial assessment of the site and identify priorities to address.
- Trees Ability (tree surgeons) are scheduled to start works on 10th March for 2 weeks before returning again early April. It is hoped that the easy access path and walled garden could reopen shortly after their initial 2 weeks.
- It was agreed to pay and arrange the contractor's accommodation directly.
- The focus for the tree inspector and surgeons will be on public safety within the Gardens, roadside, Leim and Fire Station Woodland.
- The shelter belt is a growing concern and needs to be addressed. Casey-Jo has submitted an Expression of Interest to a SSEN funding opportunity which may assist with replanting the shelter belt.
- NTS have been contacted to see if they can provide any support at this time.
- Up-skilling and training of gardens staff in chainsaw / woodland management is to be investigated.
- Creative project funding will be explored to look at opportunities to acknowledge donors.
- An insurance claim is underway with loss adjusters having visited the island recently – AC showed them around all the relevant sites. They have been provided with quotes and photos of all the damage.
- Gift Aid forms are available to submit.

BW left the meeting at 1.40pm

3. Minutes from the previous meetings

FC proposed and TL seconded the minutes from the 16th of January 2025.

4. Monthly Management Report

IGHT	BALANCE AT 31.01.2025
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£26,093.11
INTEREST ACCOUNT	£269,035.09
CREDIT CARD	-£611.88
SIS LOAN (Ard Bruach housing)	-£314,736.04

GTRL	BALANCE AT 31.01.2025
CURRENT ACCOUNT (TRIODOS)	£11,313.68
CAMPSITE ACCOUNT (VIRGIN MONEY)	£3,391.03

GREL	BALANCE AT 31.01.2025
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£12,944.44
SINKING ACCOUNT	£45,323.16

- Hotel – The lease application deadline is at the end of February. There has been a lot of interest, but we expect possibly only 2 or 3 applications will be made.
- Maintenance Operative – There were 4 applications. AC has arranged interviews to take place with Tim W and JM.

5. Board Action Plan

The board approved the 2025 Action Plan. This will be shared with the next newsletter.

6. Community Action Plan

A public CAP meeting was held recently. Final comments and ideas were shared with the final draft almost ready to deliver.

A final copy of the CAP will be issued to all households.

The working groups were mentioned. JM is to liaise with GW regarding the plots working group.

The structure of meeting (round tables) is to be considered for future Trust members meetings.

7. Pods / Staff Accommodation

An update on pods research prepared by Anna was circulated.

8. Gigha Day

The plan is to have the flag raising ceremony, followed by a look inside the new housing development, then refreshments in the hotel. Invites have been issued to stakeholders with some RSVP's received already. Local invites will be issued soon. Catering will be investigated once numbers are confirmed.

9. Correspondence

10. AOB

Meeting closed: 3.30pm

Next board meeting dates:

- Friday 14th March at 1pm
- Monday 14th April at 1pm
- Monday 12th May at 1pm
- Monday 9th June at 1pm

Other dates:

- Thursday 27th February at 1pm – Playpark meeting with Primary School
- Saturday 15th March – Gigha Day
- Tuesday 1st April – Cross Party Group Presentation in Holyrood