

Minutes of Bute BID Board Meeting

Date: 8th Oct 25	
Location: Bute Fabrics 5.30pm	
Attendees:	John Glen (JG) Phil Prentice (PP) Sophie Reid (SR) Duncan Martin (DM) Reeni Kennedy-Boyle (RKB) Fergus Murray (FM) online Kirsty Durrant (KD) online David Adams McGilp (DAM) online Jill Devlin(JD)
Apologies for Absence:	Ian McCulloch (IM)
Declarations of Interest:	None
Matters Discussed	Action
1. Minutes of previous meeting of 10 th Sept: Approved	
2. Update from DAM of Visit Scotland:	
Summary of winter events in Visitscotland.com , Bute is featured New regions to be in focus over the next 12-24mths inc Argyll and Bute which DAM is the champion Mount Stuart has been recognised to represent the UK for award, which is very high profile for Bute, to link to other cultural events and art collections Operational cover for the cinema in place - Short Term – Bute Community Land - Scottish Land Fund TBC	
Argyll and Isles	
- 5 th Nov Inverary, invite to follow, topic 'Translating Strategic Refresh into Actions'	
DAM left the meeting at *6.10pm*	
3. Update from Argyll & Bute Council:	
Royal Hotel – grants have been approved along with purpose , update to follow Play Area – Sampling ongoing, funding to be spent by March 26 Academy School – to be demolished Town Centre – continuing to look at town centre improvements Rural economy improvements – under review Strategic events and festival funds budget in place for events after April 26	

- check with Dunoon BID ref Tradfest

- looking at seasonal events for the quieter months, using the Calmac footfall to measure success

4. Small Business Grants

Approved for – Ya Wee Butey, Tabo Tobo

First come first served basis

Photos into the press for grant recipients

5. Next Steps, Winter Gardens Pavilion, Trinity Church Adventure Lane Project

- Glenburn closed Dec – Feb this can affect the footfall to the island, maybe would open if linked to an event program

- Phil to pick up with the Glenburn and link to the Celtic Connections event

6. Empty Property Grants

- x1 Bute, x4 Dunoon Phil working with contact to increase this for Bute

7. Budget for the year in place and plans being worked on.

8. Next meeting 30th Oct at Shinty Club

Phil wants to work with the levy payers on getting involved and ideas which they have

Oban BID Manager to attend the meeting

9. A commercial property has been purchased to be a private residence; the owner is being billed for the levy – Phil to work with directly.

AOB

RKB

1. Believe Bute

Request for informal space for key stakeholders' biannual meetings and projects, RKB can continue with BID involvement to inc Mount Stuart, Bute Community Council, Port Bannatyne Development Trust, Pavilion with a events update

2. Promotion of the island as a place to do business with a falling population, PP to catch up with RKB

3. Christmas Trees

Request as donated for Rothesay and Port Bannatyne with personalised baubles

The meeting closed at 7.05pm	