

## Minutes of Bute BID Board Meeting

<b>Date:</b> 8th Oct 25	
<b>Location:</b> Bute Fabrics 5.30pm	
<b>Attendees:</b> 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)	
<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Ian McCulloch (IM)	
<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None	
<b>Matters Discussed</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Minutes of previous meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> Sept:</b> Approved	
<b>2. Update from DAM of Visit Scotland:</b>  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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Short Term – Bute Community Land</li> <li>- Scottish Land Fund TBC</li> </ul> Argyll and Isles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5<sup>th</sup> Nov Inverary, invite to follow, topic ‘ Translating Strategic Refresh into Actions’</li> </ul>	
<b>DAM left the meeting at *6.10pm*</b>	
<b>3. Update from Argyll &amp; Bute Council:</b>  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	

<p>- check with Dunoon BID ref Tradfest</p> <p>- looking at seasonal events for the quieter months, using the Calmac footfall to measure success</p> <p><b>4. Small Business Grants</b></p> <p>Approved for – Ya Wee Butey, Tabo Tobo</p> <p>First come first served basis</p> <p>Photos into the press for grant recipients</p> <p><b>5. Next Steps, Winter Gardens Pavilion, Trinity Church Adventure Lane Project</b></p> <p>- Glenburn closed Dec – Feb this can affect the footfall to the island, maybe would open if linked to an event program</p> <p>- Phil to pick up with the Glenburn and link to the Celtic Connections event</p> <p><b>6. Empty Property Grants</b></p> <p>- x1 Bute, x4 Dunoon Phil working with contact to increase this for Bute</p> <p><b>7. Budget for the year in place and plans being worked on.</b></p> <p><b>8. Next meeting 30<sup>th</sup> Oct at Shinty Club</b></p> <p>Phil wants to work with the levy payers on getting involved and ideas which they have</p> <p>Oban BID Manager to attend the meeting</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>RKB</b></p> <p><b>1. Believe Bute</b></p> <p>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, Pavillion with a events update</p> <p><b>2. Promotion of the island as a place to do business with a falling population, PP to catch up with RKB</b></p> <p><b>3. Christmas Trees</b></p> <p>Request as donated for Rothesay and Port Bannatyne with personalised baubles</p>	
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<b>The meeting closed at 7.05pm</b>	