

Minutes of Bute BID Board Meeting

Date: 08.04.26				
Location: Bute Backpackers and Remote				
Attendees: Duncan Martin(DM) Phil Prentice (PP) Bill Harvey(BH) Reeni Kennedy-Boyle (RKB) Jim Brodbeck (JB) Rachel Greenwood (RG) Fergus Murray (FM) Jill Devlin (JD)				
Apologies for Absence: Kirsty Durrant (KD)				
1.Welcome from the Chair DM- Welcomed everyone and thank you for joining.				
Declarations of Interest: RKB – joined licensing committee				
Minutes of previous meeting of 11.03.26 DM – Proposed approval RKB – Seconded approval				
Actions – not review at meeting as agenda was planned to be to discuss the renewal only and any AOB				
No	Details of Action	Date Raised & Raised By	Who to Act	Feedback
3	Update on potential interest in using the Pavilion for conferences and island wide event	17.12.25	FM	Democracy Event 2027 2000+ delegates location tbc but it will either be Bute or Pitlochry, FM pushing for Bute. Concerns ref accommodation availability, confirmed not all stay over, camping is an option. 11.02.26 - no update at this meeting 11.03.26 - ongoing
8	Contact to be made with Caledonia Play ref revised quote and a lead time once the order is placed	14.01.26	DM	11.02.26 - been in touch on going 11.03.26 Photos required – JD Order placed Timescale – Mid May this will be firmed up for next meeting Access to the carpark and road area-TBC

9	Events calendar – next steps	14.01.26	JD	11.03.26 Permission meeting to be held 17.03.26 with A+BC
11	Briefing from Fergus Walker to confirm the threshold of RV which can be circulated to the levy payers	14.01.26	FM/KD	Ready for next meeting
12	Communication	14.01.26	JB	Working with data on Visit Scotland and AITC Top Attractions are Lock Fad and West Island Way Most popular language after English is German Access – 60% mobile v 40% desktop
13	Contact Common Good Fund for assistance with Amphitheatre Phase 1	14.01.26	PP/JD	11.03.26 - Phase 1 complete Phase 2 with the property team meeting 17.03.26
14	Next steps document to be produced to use at for levy payer meetings	11.02.26	JD	
15	Power supplies at amphitheatre, PB and KB as required			Contact Mark Caulder as he is working on new EV stations at Guilford Sq
16	Lights on the prom would planning permission be required	14.01.26	JD	

3. Brief Project Update

Update from Argyll & Bute Council:

- KD reported all on track
- There is support for the BID
- Ref Calmac meeting CEO 14/04/26

DM attends ferry users gp

Agreed a 3m trial but the Winter Timetable has been issued with the 1 ferry on Wednesday PM in place

FM – economic health of the island has been disrupted

DM – Saputo staff stuck at Wemyss Bay for 2 hrs

Community Council to collate individual feedback

4. Budget and management accounts

NO update

5. Renewal - PP

99% complete

Fundamentals agreed and based on whole island

Calculation of the levy

- agreed to stay with the same bandings
- there maybe be RV appeals which would reduce BID banding

Board agreed with geography and method of banding

Exceptions as current

Date for levy collection – 10 Sept

Not increased but have considered inflation - £158k/year

Ref RV we have a statement for appeals

BID Proposal becomes the manifesto which will be ready end May/early June

A+BC in agreement with the documents

BH+PP will fine tune

Letters to go out in DM Name

Fee – 3.4k this has been budgeted

Continues with regular consultation and events over the summer, program required

The business plan is to be used to talk to levy payers, BID Directors to go out and engage

Board were happy for PP and BH total hours to not exceed already arranged PP hours.

DM – thanks to PP and BH for work completed much appreciated

5. Grants

One business and an arts event agreed

5. Media and Marketing – JB

Survey

300 people received

15 bounced back – JD to investigate

50% opened

Events supported

6. Christmas Lighting Festival

IM = requested contact for local council, JD to supply

7. AOB

RKB – Ruetgars are coming back to the island end of May approx 20 people, BID to cover 50% of social event, agreed a different location to last year

RKB - to attend Bute Community Council Local Development Plan on behalf of Bute BID

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The meeting closed at 6.20pm

Next meeting – 06.05.26