Minutes of Bute BID Board Meeting

Date: 11.02.26

Location: 5.30-7pm

Attendees:

Duncan Martin (DM) - Chair
Reeni Kennedy-Boyle (RKB)
Phil Prentice (PP)
Jim Brodbeck (JB)
Rachel Greenwood (RG)
Fergus Murray (FM)
Kirsty Durrant (KD)
Jill Devlin (JD)

Apologies for Absence: Ian McCulloch (IM)

1.Welcome from the Chair

DM Welcomed everyone and thank you for joining, thanks to Jim for hosting the meeting on But

Declarations of Interest: RG has submitted a Business Improvement Grant application

Minutes of previous meeting of 14th Jan 26
PP – Proposed approval
RKB – Seconded approval

Actions

No	Details of Action	Date Raised & Raised By	Who to Act	Feedback
2	Update on playpark site tests	17.12.25	KD	There is still a process to work through, the results have not raised any issues. 11.02.26 - no update for this meeting
3	Update on potential interest in using the Pavilion for conferences	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
7	Contact to be made with Lindsay McNaughton regarding next steps on the Robertson Business Growth Program	14.01.26	PP	11.02.26 - Update at next meeting

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
9	Events calendar – next steps	14.01.26	JD	11.02.26 - calendar in place, permission requested, meeting completed with A+BC island-based colleague. Butting ordered for cabbies rest and amphitheatre permission for cabbies rest obtained from harbour master
10	AITC Summit Dunoon 19th March Rep from IOB BID to attend	14.01.26		11.02.26 - JB to attend, ticket booked
11	Briefing from Fergus Walker to confirm the threshold of RV which can be circulated to the levy payers	14.01.26	FM/KD	11.02.26 - will be issued w/c 16.02.26
13	Contact Common Good Fund for assistance with Amphitheatre Phase 1	14.01.26	PP/JD	11.02.26 - all info provided Phase 2 with the property team
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			Come back to this
16	Lights on the prom would planning permission be required	14.01.26	JD	

3. Brief Project Update

Update from Argyll & Bute Council:

FM

Royal Hotel

Design team to be appointed

Funding released for preparatory works

Albert Pier – funding has been requested

Town Centre Investments requested and looking for council approval

High School – there is movement on the demolition

Other derelict buildings under review

KD

Business Plan - draft required by end April

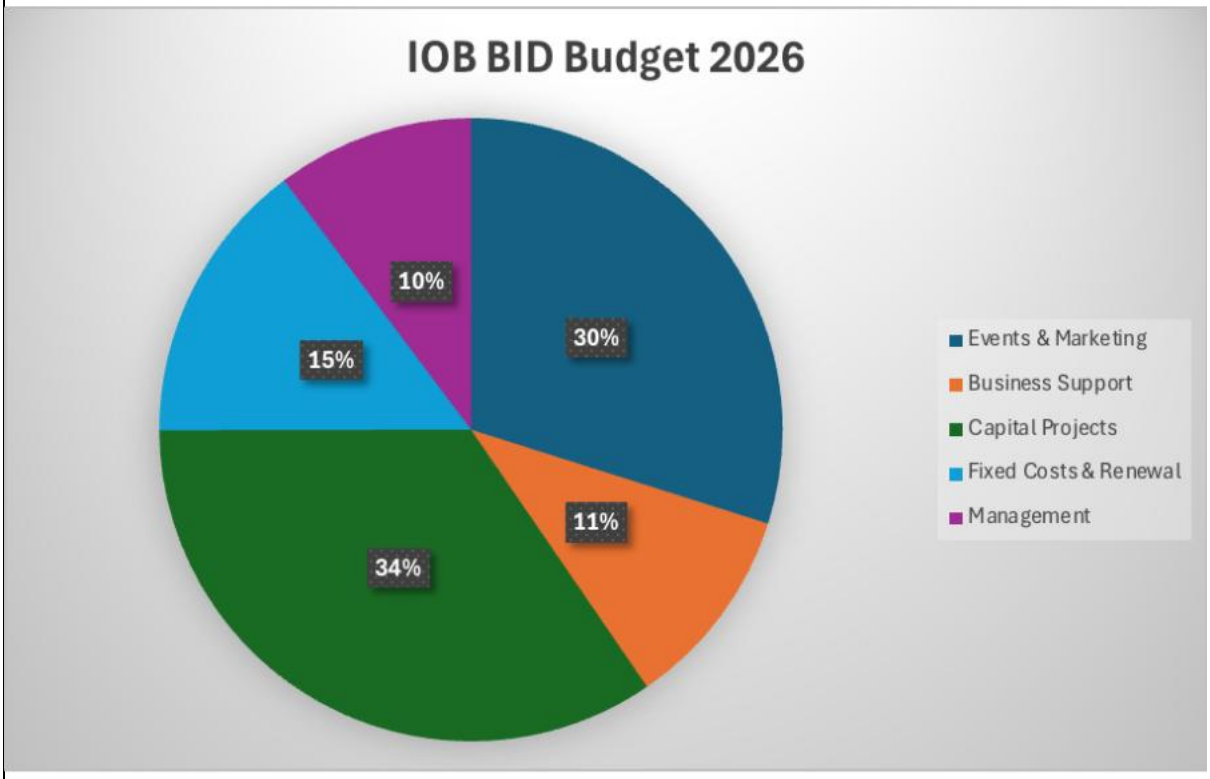
NDR re-evaluation some new costs from 01 April 26, FW to share once available maybe some appeals, if reduced would the BID need to replay the levy KD to confirm

Survey – consider format, Mailchimp, hardcopy, media to do a story and face to face engagement

Forms – MS and google easier

Gaelic for Business to be forwarded

4. Budget and management accounts



5. Renewal - PP

Survey for approval

Use Mailchimp for electronic version

Directors to meet as many levy payers as possible – face to face meetings

Business proposal sign off by June - as agreed in manifest

5. Grants

New Business requested - £1k - levy payer left the meeting 17.50-18.00

Existing business requested funds for exterior works - £1k

Empty shop renovation requested funds - £1k

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All approved

5. Media and Marketing – JB

- working through website review, quotes on hols until this completed
- Google survey for board to try out
- Trello is use as a noticeboard
- on survey make sure x1 per levy payer

6. Christmas Lighting Festival

No update 11.02.26 - IM Hols

7. AOB

RM – AGM date

TBC due to reset and moving forward

RKB

Derelict properties update at next meeting

Current IOB Place Plan is 2016 needs updating as an impact on securing tendering and planning

The meeting closed at 7.00pm

Next meeting – 11.03.26