

Minutes of Bute BID Board Meeting

Date: 06.05.26				
Location: Remote				
Attendees: Duncan Martin(DM) Phil Prentice (PP) Reeni Kennedy-Boyle (RKB) Jim Brodbeck (JB) Fergus Murray (FM) Jill Devlin (JD) Kirsty Durrant (KD)				
Apologies for Absence: Bill Harvey(BH), Rachel Greenwood (RG)				
1.Welcome from the Chair DM- Welcomed everyone and thank you for joining.				
Declarations of Interest: None				
Minutes of previous meeting of 08.04.26 IMc – Proposed approval RKB – Seconded approval				
Actions				
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	Just for info
17	Grants for town centre properties not just shop fronts but repurposing . Grant summary i.e spend, value, examples	08.04.26	FM	
18	FAQs for Bute BID page pls send to Jim	08.04.26	All to do	

3. Brief Project Update

Update from Argyll & Bute Council:

Pav – moving ahead, issues with structure, council have agreed to move to the next stage

Albert Peier – A+BC taken over via roads and infrastructure , coach parking, car parking and active travel

Royal – design team appointed, moving ahead School – funding secured to demolish, subject to tender Hoping to get funding fr small business start ups and development, updates to follow Levy – revised proposals @ the June meeting
4. Budget and management accounts NO update
5. Renewal - PP The Isle of Bute renewal submission has been accepted by Argyll and Bute Council and is now being reviewed by Scotlands Improvement Districts on behalf of the Scottish Government. Once we have their feedback we can make final amendments. The priority now is to spend the next month getting as much feedback from people - might be worth another mailchimp to members "What would you like the BID to focus on for the next five years. We can build this into the Business Plan and get it designed and printed in June. After that we are in full election mode - gathering as much intelligence as possible and trying to get people on board. The best way to do this is face to face but perhaps we can also arrange some press coverage - an feature of board members and key supporters etc, and a couple of drop in sessions
5. Grants X5 business grants approved
5. Media and Marketing – JB No newsletter last month, process to be agreed Social media update required Associate of Phils includes Real Estate Ads within posts on FB to generate an income Developing of campaigns for personas, Jim to confirm to try to maximise traffic to Bute Repositioning and Branding of Bute – Jim to lead Alignment of what Bute offers and use that to promote the island FAQs for Bute BID page pls send to Jim
6. Christmas Lighting Festival Confirmed lights cannot go up on Montague St Issue ref young farmers tractor run and moving of date – IMC working on this
7. AOB

RKB – P+R paper - discussion ref refurbishment grants is the right way to contribute, could money be used in different, money maybe used for repurposing and reuse reinvigorating town centre spaces.

RKB – Bute Community Council Meeting - well attended, BID Business Plan Req

No BID representation RKB kindly volunteered to attend on behalf of the BID and the council

The meeting closed at 6.35pm

Next meeting – 10.06.26