# Minutes of Bute BID Board Meeting

**Date:** 11.03.26

**Location:** 5.30-7pm

**Attendees:**

Phil Prentice (PP) - Chair due to unavailability of DM+IM
Reeni Kennedy-Boyle (RKB)
Jim Brodbeck (JB)
Rachel Greenwood (RG)
Fergus Murray (FM)
Kirsty Durrant (KD)
Jill Devlin (JD)

**Apologies for Absence:** Duncan Martin (DM), Ian McCulloch (IM)

**1.Welcome from the Chair**

PP- Welcomed everyone and thank you for joining.

**Declarations of Interest:** RKB – joined licensing committee

**Minutes of previous meeting of 11.02.26**
PP – Proposed approval
RKB – Seconded approval

Actions

| No | Details of Action | Date Raised & Raised By | Who to Act | Feedback |
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| 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.<br>11.02.26 - no update at this meeting<br>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<br>11.03.26<br>Photos required – JD<br>Order placed<br>Timescale – Mid May this will be firmed up for next meeting<br>Access to the carpark and road area-TBC |
| 9 | Events calendar – next steps | 14.01.26 | JD | 11.03.26 |

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| | | | | 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<br>Top Attractions are Lock Fad and West Island Way<br>Most popular language after English is German<br>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<br>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:**

**FM**

Royal Hotel - Design team to be announced

Albert Pier – drawings progressing

High School – no update

IOB - nominated at a contender for UK Town of Culture 2027, update at next meeting

**KD**

Reballot

- agreement in principle

Baseline services updated

Report to full council - June 26

Spoke to BID contact at Dunoon ref noticeboard

**4. Budget and management accounts**

No update, meeting with accounts co TBC

Admin charge for levy collection - £9445.48

**5. Renewal - PP**

Operating agreement ongoing – feedback from Police and Visit Scotland , timescale is tight

Consultation document hard copies being distributed, electronic version asap

Proposal for renewal consultation to join the team, PP hours to be reduced to cover the cost - agreed by the board at meeting

Levy Rates – review tbc and follow up email

**5. Grants**

Grant for art install

Signage for business frontage

All approved

**5. Media and Marketing – JB**

Web presence refresh required - AITC meeting

**6. Christmas Lighting Festival**

**No update 11.03.26 - IM apologies**

**7. AOB**

1. Events drop in arranged

30th March Shinty Hall

10-12 and 4.30-6.30

Open session for levy payers and residents of Bute who have events of all sizes which they would like marketing support with

2. Levy relief requested - approved

3. Banners to be included within levy - approved

4. Apple Tree first dig on play park – approved

RKB

Community Business Day – good attendance, next one June, topic Accessibility

RG

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| Shops video refresh – agreed quote req<br>Bute Island Radio - BID to feed into good news slot every tuesday<br>JB<br>Addition of extra pages to the BID website, FAQ page and volunteer page |
| **The meeting closed at 6.30pm** |
| **Next meeting – 08.04.26** |