

Minutes of Bute BID Board Meeting

Date: 21st May 25	
Location: Bute Fabrics 5.30pm	
Attendees: John Glen (JG) Sophie Reid (SR) Duncan Martin (DM) Erin Murphy (EM) Ian McCulloch (IM) Reeni Kennedy-Boyle (RKB) Fergus Murray (FM) online Kirsty Durrant (KD) online Jill Devlin - Minutes	
Apologies for Absence: Alistair Forsyth (AF), David Adams McGilp(DAM)	
Declarations of Interest: None	
Matters Discussed	Action
1. Minutes of previous meeting of 19th April 25: Approved	
2. Update from DAM of Visit Scotland: No update	
3. Update from Argyll and Bute Council FM - Community Requested Funding to be announced shortly £100k approved for Albert Pier investment for car and coach park - Pavilion underway with convening of the Pavillion Resilience Group with Mount Stuart, Bute Yard and the Pavilion working together - Visitor Levy - ECOS consultant appointed, report due Aug 25, analysis underway - Future plans for tourism being discussed - Kiddie Corner with Planning KD - Re-ballot for BID, dates to be considered JG to contact KD to discuss - Empty Property Relief - 100% relief for empty properties expectation saving used for reinnervation If additional support is required this will be considered on a case-by-case basis, including signposting to other options - Business Support Grants - Time arranged with RKB w/c 19.05.25 to discuss budget, intervention rate, consider 2 levels 50%+75% ensuring the conservation guidelines are met.	Feedback at next meeting Business Support Grants
Agenda Points	Action
Cruise - SR French Cruise Company 300 Welcome packs available for 260 visitors and staff Welcomed by - Piper, Dancers, Alaine with packs and local tour guides paid for by the shipping company	Feedback at next meeting

John Blue Bute Arts - SR Needs to raise £15k annually to stage events Has £5k so far via patrons etc BID sponsorship enquired about in return, thanks on brochures, logo on posters suggested. SR – to confirm level of support required DM – could this be considered as a marketing tool rather than sponsorship	Feedback at next meeting ref John Blue Bute Arts level of support
Brandane Bulls-JG Looking for Match day sponsor - £50 Match day referee fees £10-£20 struggle to get a ref due to travel cost and time Match day tea which referee can use a voucher in local cafes Decision to be made by end May	Feedback at next meeting ref Brandane Bulls support
Flower Beds and Hanging Baskets – SR 16 hanging baskets – cost tbc 8 flower beds To be attended to by Rab Mitchell for monthly weed and tidy (£240+VAT) (other quotes requested no interest) Seasonal works to water – additional hour required	Brief seasonal workers and increase hours
AGM - JG JG – to share document Jim Ross – SR meeting on 23 rd May Accounts to be circulated once signed off AGM 3-4 weeks (Monday night suggested) Daniel from British Town Partnerships to attend	Share document - JG
AOCB	
RKB- Students Visit to Bute by Rutgers Uni – New York 15 students NY, 1 Lecturer NY, 1 Lecturer UK - Purpose – interested in sustainability, community action, grad apprentice scheme - Arrive 28th May - Stay – local accommodation - Would BID consider sponsoring Taste of Bute sharing platter at Gather for approx 25 guests on 29th May – board approved	No further action
SR+JG – Lease agreed on Snack Hut - Looking for shop front grant - Split picnic tables and kids area - Include maintenance of the beach area after initial tractor clearance and look after deck chairs - Board discusses possible monthly payment of £100 to look after chairs – tbc	Tractor clearance of beach required Consider payment for David for looking after chairs
EM – Local business tables and chairs Could the seasonal guys set up tables and chairs	Price for required

• EM to pay BID and BID to increase hours	Additional Hrs for seasonal team
RKB – Local takeaway • Possible pop-up shelter for rainy days via Business Support Group • EM to assist with planning permission for a canopy if required	Discuss Business Support
DM – Play Park • At planning stage • Confirmed draft PO in place at consultation period • June 25 for outcome • JG to email KD + DM for additional information • QS at Robertson to issue a short term contract and Jessica McAlister (Bute Blacksmiths Apprentice QS) to work on this as a project • If possible would like to see this up and running towards back end of the season • Large building contractor in touch with RKB and request for additional equipment can be made as well as local business sponsoring	Project for JMc
RKB – Luke Winters In touch ref play proposal	Follow up required
RKB – A+BC BID Report – very positive • Projects highlighted such as playpark • Marketing • Support for Bute Kitchen • Albert Pier – RKB requested temp surface to allow parking not just fenced waste ground	
RKB – Banking Hub • Open end of June • Bank rota in place • Access Cash UK running the hub	
RBK – HSEP Project for Thompson Ct ref expansion and regeneration	

The meeting closed at 6.25pm