

Minutes of Bute BID Board Meeting

Date: 20 Aug 25	
Location: Bute Fabrics 5.30pm	
Attendees: John Glen (JG) Phil Prentice (PP) Sophie Reid (SR) Duncan Martin (DM) Ian McCulloch (IM) Fergus Murray (FM) online Kirsty Durrant (KD) online Jill Devlin - Minutes	
Apologies for Absence: Reeni Kennedy-Boyle (RKB) , Kirsteen MacDonald	
Declarations of Interest: None	
Matters Discussed	Action
1. Minutes of previous meeting of 23 July 25 - Approved	
2. Update from DAM of Visit Scotland: No update	
3. Update from Argyll and Bute Council FD Royal Hotel – ongoing Albert Pier - toilet gone - remaining investment to be organised - SW building remains Funding for small business grants to launch Derelict properties development ongoing Scottish Government - old high school - still working on this with Fyne Homes - difficulty as has asbestos and reinforced concrete Playpark investigation still ongoing Play area space - no planning Visitor Levy – considered 24 Sept , report will be made public prior to this date Pavilion - on track - resilience of building under review KD Contaminated Land - thank to DM, Bute Museum and Mount Stuart for providing historical background.	
Agenda Points	Action
PP – Introduction and Observations to date	

Lots of potential Board members doing a great job, Bute recognised as Scotland's first island BID Lots of positive feedback in the town and challenges ahead with some of the levy payers Media coverage being pushed Launch of the Business Improvement Scheme Vicinity to be populated Small events grant to be launched - boutique version with Island Connections Feb 26 Planned Open meeting in Oct 25 Town Centre access for Phil to meet with levy payers discussed, KD to see if there is an opportunity to use the council service hub. Calmac figures are up year on year, is there a possibility for them to run off timetable for busy periods i.e Highland Games	
Marketing Update – SR 5000 maps for reprint only 100 left – approved A5 stickers highlighting projects supported by Bute BID The Royal British Legion have been in touch regarding the location of the notice boards at the amphitheatre one has been located in front of the war memorial. Bute BID are on the front page of the IOB News for next 2 weeks Discussed a street ambassador, welcome packs, high viz, leaflet drops	Order Maps Design and order stickers KD to come back with approved actions ref moving of boards

AOCB	
1. Port Bannatyne Toilet and Shower Block – details sent to KD to look at what we can do to improve 2. Telephone box project - potential to repurpose Ascog box too	

The meeting closed at 6.10pm