

Minutes of Bute BID Board Meeting

Date: 11th September 2024

Location: Bute Fabrics 5.30pm

Attendees: John Glen (JG)
Sophie Reid (SR)
Erin Murphy (EM)
Ian McCulloch (IM)
Duncan Martin (DM)
Reeni Kennedy-Boyle (RKB)
Fergus Murray (FM) online
Kirsty Durrant (KD) online
Richard Whitcomb (RW)
Dorothy McDonald (DCM)
DL Gordon (DLG)

Matters Discussed

Action

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** David Adams McGilp, Alistair Forsyth, Willie Glen.
- 2. Resignations:** JG reported that in addition to Sara Goss, Willie Glen has today resigned from the Board, and we will need to recruit new board members.
- 3. Welcome from the Chair:** DL Gordon was welcomed as new BID Co-ordinator.
- 5. Minutes of previous meeting of 7th August:** approved.
- 4. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 6. Presentation of Mid-Term Evaluation report by Richard Whitcomb of Context Economics:** RW presented the key findings of his research, which was centred on the performance of the Isle of Bute BID to date; BID priorities going forward; and key business challenges.

JG thanked Richard for undertaking this important work for BID and stressed the need to use this information to formulate our strategy for the next two years. The Board are requested to digest the information in the report and feedback to DCM and DLG. DCM requested the feedback should refer back to the objectives of the original BID Business Plan.

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RW left the meeting

- 7. Any Other Competent Business:** DM welcomed the positive results from the report and raised the issue of outstanding projects that have still to be developed, specifically Project Playpark. A discussion took place on how it might be possible to overcome the obstacles to carrying this project forward. JG suggested DCM could liaise with KD to formulate an action plan.

DCM & KD

8. Any Other Competent Business: As part of her role in a cross-party working group within Argyll & Bute Council, RKB would like to formulate a questionnaire to be sent to levy payers to solicit their feedback on town planning, specifically in relation to traffic movement and parking on Bute. A discussion took place on this subject, including the challenges of bus parking. RKB

DCM cautioned against sending too many questionnaires at the same time as she was also asked by the council to send a questionnaire about the restoration of the Royal Hotel.

JG advised we need to feedback results to levy payers if we ask them to contribute to questionnaires.

9. Date of next meeting: to be confirmed.

Will need to be changed from the usual schedule to accommodate staff holidays.

The meeting closed at 7pm