



MULL & IONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd June 2002 in the CRAIGNURE HALL

PRESENT : Sandy Brunton, Tom Bettley, Alan Mc Connochie, Georgia O' Neill, Jo Reade, Pat Logan, Derek Crook.

APOLOGIES : David Gracie, Olive Brown, Michael Ackerley, Alan Parker.

MINUTES : Minutes of the meeting on 6th May 2002 proposed by Tom and seconded by Jo.

MATTERS ARISING : FERRY COMMITTEE - Minutes of the meetings will be sent to the list of interested parties. A request was put to the Committee to issue the minutes to the local press. The Committee was re - elected and Jo has written an article for Georgia to include on the website. The next meeting will look at 'Peak sailings'. This caused immediate discussion and should make for an interesting meeting.

RE - CYCLING - Pat is having problems finding partners to assist a successful funding bid. Derek will try to organise a joint meeting with the Waste Watchers and the Comm. Trust in the Autumn/Winter and invite Andy Law to address the meeting. <DEREK>

WEBSITE LINK - The problem with the link to 'Holidays on Mull' has been corrected.

MACLEAN GATHERING - The reception in the Distillery will go ahead on the 20.6.02 with 20 guests from the Gathering and up to 10 members from Mull Chamber. <GEORGIA> will e - mail the membership with details. <JO> will provide the buffet. <ALAN> will provide a gift for the guests and <SANDY> and <PAT> will supply leaflets to make up a presentation package. Sandy advised that up to 10 craft stands are available in Duart on the 22.6.02 for members. <JO> will contact various members in Tobermory. <SANDY> will contact Moira Kerr re the event.

CONSTITUTION - Pat presented a discussion paper with several suggestions (enclosed for those not at meeting). This will need further discussion and <SANDY> will contact the WOSCG for a sample constitution.

PRESIDENT : Sandy reported that Consignia are keeping him advised on changes to the Postal services. A computer virus is doing its rounds at the moment and members are advised not to open any suspect e - mails. Jane Mc Leod of the Mid - Argyll Chamber advised that the AIE are wanting greater contact with Chambers in their area. The Scottish Chambers are seeking funding to create a part time position to assist rural Chambers. <SANDY> will reply to an article in the P & J by George Lyons regarding Argyll and the Islands not being properly funded.

COMM. TRUST UPDATE - Pat advised the Comm. butchers shop is due to open on the 17.6.02. The Food Festival may receive £6000 in funding from the AIE. It is possible that actions on Mull & Iona may be included in next years World Summit on sustainable development.

WEBSITE - Georgia is receiving e - mails for non members. She will forward to Sandy and the Tourist Office. Jo suggested setting up a link to the Tourist Board e - mail address. <GEORGIA> will update the site to show Michael as the Vice - President. <GEORGIA> will issue a circular e - mail to enquire if members are using the site. Georgia suggested setting up a link to the Round & About Diary page.

TREASURER - Tom reported a balance of £2796.32.

SECRETARY - Alan reported on the correspondence received in the month. Alan has been advised that the proposed effluent plants are running well behind schedule.

AOCB - <SANDY> will draft a letter to Alan Parker regarding his new set up with the FSB whilst being a Board member of the Chamber.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 1st July, 2002. Venue to be confirmed.

