

MULL & IONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th NOVEMBER 2002 in the CRAIGNURE HALL

PRESENT : Alan Mc Connochie, Tom Bettley, David Gracie, Michael Ackerley, Derek Crook, Pat Logan, Jo Reade, John Cable.

APOLOGIES : Olive Brown, Georgia O' Neill, Sandy Brunton.

MINUTES : Minutes of the meeting on 2nd September 2002 proposed by Michael and seconded by Jo. Minutes of 7th October 2002 proposed by Tom and seconded by Alan.

MATTERS ARISING : RE - CYCLING - Derek advised that the meeting would take place on the 12.11.02 with a morning tour of the Glengorm site followed by a working lunch in the distillery.

FERRY COMMITTEE - Michael advised the Committee minutes will be issued on - line.

ROAD UPGRADE - Alan reported that local politicians had been e-mailed with details of our campaign and their advice and opinions sought. Replies are awaited. Alan Parker has contacted various organisations to aid the Chamber's campaign and <ALAN>will thank Alan P for supporting the Chamber initiative. <DAVID> will seek clarification from A & B Council on their position regarding the upgrade.

TRAVEL FAIR - Alan received details from the Tourist Board with costs regarding taking a stand at the Fair. The Committee decided that we could not finance this action without support from outside agencies who had already advised Alan that aid would not be forthcoming. <ALAN>will advise Lady MacLean of our decision.

ANNUAL DINNER - Several venues were suggested and it was decided to approach the Anchorage and the Highland Cottage for prices, menu's etc.<ALAN>The date is to be decided as has the choice of speaker. At Olive's request, the Chambers 10th Anniversary will be celebrated on the evening.

PRESIDENT : In Sandy's absence Alan updated members on Sandy's trip to the Insuleur Network meeting in Sardinia.

COMM. TRUST UPDATE - Pat commented on the Trust's activities including - re-cycling and composting projects and the abattoir. The Tobermory butcher shop has done well but will probably be less busy in the winter. Pat advised that the Trust is having difficulties in sourcing its core funding used to employ Trust staff.

WEBSITE - No report in Georgia's absence.

TREASURER - Tom reported a balance of £2915.89.

SECRETARY - Alan reported on the correspondence received in the month.

AOCB - Alan advised that the proposed effluent plant for Tobermory is scheduled for next year. Three sites have been earmarked with a final decision awaited. The timing of this work is vital to our tourist season and Alan will seek dates etc. and advise when information is to hand.

Pat advised that the HIE and AIE have completed their restructuring process. It has been such a success it has been decided to do it again. No one appears to know why.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2nd December 2002 in the Craignure Hall at 8pm