

MULL & IONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2005 in Craignure Hall

PRESENT: Sandy Brunton, Tom Bettley, John Cable, Michael Ackerley, Derek Crook,

APOLOGIES: Olive Brown, Georgia O'Neill, Alan Parker

MINUTES: Minutes from meeting June proposed by John, seconded by Michael.

July minutes corrected to read - in Matters Arising – 'Sandy and Chris Reade both attended local plan meeting' July minutes then proposed by Michael, seconded by Sandy.

MATTERS ARISING: Georgia had included the swimming pool appeal in the chamber news.

Tourism John has booked a stand for next years Travel Expo in Glasgow. Approval has been given by Hol Mull, and we have the stand next to Duart, Torosay and the railway. Half the fee will be payable in the autumn, and half six weeks before the event. These stands will be in a 'street' along with other groups from the 'Stirling' area.

ROADS: John also brought along info and papers sent by James Fraser to all 'members'. Since there is no longer a membership it was felt that this should be sent to ALL accom providers. <John> will endeavour to write a letter to James F outlining our views. Michael has written a letter, which was withheld on account the agreement by the council to make a social and economic impact assessment, and of councillor Macdougall's presentation to the Startegic Policy Committee of A&B C that we should ask for a lump sum to 'cure' the roads in the same way that Skye asked for a sum to abolish tolls on the bridge.

George Lyon has asked a question in Parliament, and Euan Warnock has spoken up on behalf of the NFU.

<Michael> will adapt the letter to take account of these developments, with two versions - one for A&B councillors, and one for the Scot Exec and for MPs & MSPs.

<Georgia> to send an email update to encourage everyone to find and sign the petition.

John proposed we 'donate' £250 to the Mull Community Council for the 'Keep Mull Moving' campaign. These funds to be used to pay for publicity, halls and admin, with any residue to be returned at the end of the campaign.

PRESIDENT: Sandy went through the mail and noted that, if we wanted to, there were many areas where we could make an input - judging from the requests sent in.

Sandy had been invited to join the NHS, Argyll and Clyde Locality Strategy Group to make input from a business point of view. The agenda covered many topics including the proposed PCC and Dunaros. Sandy was therefore able to make useful input which was minuted and will hopefully be taken notice of.

WEBSITE: No report as Georgia was unable to get to the meeting, but John thought that the 'hacking' problem had gone away.

TREASURER: Tom reported income of £1120 in standing orders and £610 in cheques to give a current balance of £4984.20

SECRETARY: not available

AOB: John proposed that a discussion on the timing of winter meetings be an item for next month's agenda.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 5th SEPTEMBER 2005

