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For the 6th GRAB Trust Annual General Meeting
M.A.C.K. & M.A.G.S. An, Tairbeart, Wednesday 2 November 2005

Present: Bob McIlwraith, Alan Millar, Matt Lewis, Karen Judd, Eamon King,
Jean Kennedy, Jan Brown, Tony Edwards, Michaela Clelland

1. Chair's Welcome

In the absence of Dave Protherough, Alan took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the 6th AGM of the GRAB Trust.

2. Apologies

Dave Protherough, Kate MacDonald, Alison Hay and Jane McCardel

3. Minutes of Previous AGM

Proposed by Alan Millar, seconded by Bob McIlwraith.

4. Annual Report

Matt presented the Annual Report which gives an overview of what The GRAB Trust has achieved over the last year.

Alan thanked Matt for the concise report. He commended staff for all their work over the year. He stated that the Rocket Project would not have been able to go ahead but for Matt's input.

Bob stated that the report was a record of achievement. He would like to see the report setting goals and targets. Directors could give input. Matt will add addendum to the report. **Matt to action.**

5. Accounts

The accounts were presented to the Directors. Income exceeded expenditure last year as the first two items listed were old core funding overtaken by Strategic Waste Funding. GRAB ended 04/05 with a £13,500 surplus. The accounts have been signed off by Margaret Moncur (Finance Manager, Operational Services) of Argyll & Bute Council. Next year the accounts will include superannuation which will be 5% of the staff salary and will amount to £2,800.

The accounts were proposed by Alan, seconded by Jan.

6. Appointment of Directors

Clive Good has resigned as a Director. It was agreed that the offices would remain the same except that it was felt that Alan Farquhar should step down in favour of Michaela. Matt to approach Mhairi MacKinnon of MESS and David Blair to see if they would be willing to become Directors. **Matt to action.**

Alan proposed Michaela, Bob seconded.

Election of office bearers will take place at the next ordinary GRAB Directors meeting.

7. Appointment of Auditors

The Directors agreed to continue with Argyll & Bute Council undertaking the annual Auditing Statement.

8. AOCB

The latest recycling rate for Argyll & Bute is now 18% and we are above average for Scotland. The kerbside paper & card collection schemes are still rolling out and the uptake is encouraging and quality good. The Council is progressing on recycling sheds for Dalinlongart and Moleigh Civic Amenity Sites which are needed to store and process the collected paper and card.

The battery banks are being well used. Argyll & Bute is the first Council in Scotland to have them.

Two ABREEF environmental fairs were held this year – one in Islay and one in Campbeltown. Bob complimented the staff on the Question Time event in Campbeltown as he perceived it to have a significant, political dimension. Matt suggested that we could repeat this event in schools instead of the Litter Challenge.

Tony had a stall at the Highland Games and commented that the practice of waste disposal was good but there was no segregation of materials. Alan can get recycling bins put in place but would need someone on the ground to supervise. Tony and Eamon to raise this with Bute in Bloom Committee and/or Highland Games Committee. **Tony and Eamon to action.**

After some discussion regarding Argyll & Bute Community Groups, it was decided that Matt would ask CRNS to provide a training workshop for the next meeting in Jan 2006. **Matt to action.**

Matt reported that Jane McCardel, the Project worker for Oban, Lorn & The Isles, has resigned from the GRAB Trust citing transport difficulties. After a discussion it was agreed to accept her resignation. It was agreed to contact the

second preferred applicant and offer her the post from the interviews held in the Summer. **Matt to action.**

In respect of the trading position of Campbeltown Waste Watchers, discussions are taking place with the Council, Scottish Executive and AIE and it looks increasingly likely that there is funding available in the short term whilst discussions continue to get CWW onto a more stable financial footing for the long-term.

Karen has become a member of the Local Coastal Partnerships Group in Scotland.

The GRAB website was recently updated and will be updated again in January.

End of AGM – 4.00pm

Next Director's Meeting - Wednesday 7 December 2005 at 2.00pm in Craignish Hall, Ardfern.