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GROUP FOR RECYCLING IN ARGYLL & BUTE

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DIRECTORS MEETING – MINUTES

11am - Tuesday 11 July 2006

Room 4, Community Centre, Lochgilphead

Present: Kate MacDonald, Dave Protherough, Bob McIlwraith, Mairi MacKinnon, Matt Lewis, Jean Kennedy, Eamon King, Julie Fairbrass

1. Apologies: Tony Edwards, Alan Millar, Michaela Clelland

2. Dave welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting (Tuesday 2 May 2006) were agreed.

4. Matters Arising

- Michaela still to come back to Matt with information regarding a home-working contract for Eamon.
- Contract Renewal Letters went out to staff.
- Accounts e-mailed to Directors and staff.
- Payments will be forthcoming into new pension accounts soon.
- Compost rocket will be sent to Bute in the next few weeks.
- List of Summer Shows and bookings done.
- TEAR Group developing.
- Press releases done for Real Nappy Week and Composting Week.
- Alan and Matt to liaise regarding recycling figures for 2005/06.

5. Project Workers' Reports (see each report)

Report from Bute, Cowal, Helensburgh & Lomond (Eamon King)

Report from Beach & Marine Litter Officer (Karen Judd)

Report from Oban, Lorn & the Isles (Julie Fairbrass)

Report from Mid-Argyll & Kintyre (Matt Lewis)

6. Beach Project

Matt stated that eighteen months of the two-year contract completed. He intimated that Karen had been a superb member of staff and that every output had been delivered in 18 months; this included the Beach Guide and Best Practice Guide.

Dave wished to formally thank Karen for her efforts and for a job brilliantly done. He considered the documents produced to be of a very high standard.



It was decided to create an interactive website to include beaches not included in the Beach Guide for Phase 2 of the Beach Project. The Guide has now gone to the Tourist Board for distribution.

Discussion took place regarding the remaining 6 months of the post. Dave proposed that an advert be placed in the press for a part-time project worker for the remaining 6 months and also to get funding secured from January for the next two years. Kate seconded. Matt to produce an up-to-date budget and targets for the new post. ***Matt to action***

7. Funding & Finance

General discussion took place and Matt reported a £26,000 surplus for 2005/06. Matt circulated a paper showing a core budget of £91,000 for 2006/07.

8. Project Development

Islay Kerbside Trials: To date there has been a large interest and uptake of brown and blue bins. Trial due to start first week in August depending on when the Council can get the bins out. The trial will set collection days. Dave considered this a very positive move and Re-JIG's workload could be massively increased. Red bags to go to Re-JIG for sorting. Council will take recyclates off the island.

Cowal: Bob enquired as to where Bute Waste Watchers come into the equation. Eamon stated that development of this group into the Cowal area depends on suitable premises being found.

Summer Shows: Stands and accommodation have been booked for all five shows.

- Campbeltown – Friday 4 August
- Islay – Thursday 10 August
- Salen – Thursday 10 August
- Mid-Argyll – Saturday 12 August
- Dalmally – Saturday 2 September

Marquee not yet sourced by Dave for Islay. ***Dave to action***

Bob may provide low-energy bulbs for Campbeltown Show. ***Bob to action***

Alienergy to be invited to share show space at Mid-Argyll Show. ***Matt to action***

Real Nappy Project: Julie reported that Terry Donovan had now produced a report on the project. WRAP funding was not forthcoming last year for but Matt has suggested that, as GRAB has a healthy surplus, money could be diverted into the project. It is estimated that the cost of employing or contracting one person for a year in the Oban area would be under £5,000. This would mean employment for one day per week. Julie may be able to increase her hours to a 4-day week to cover this but she has to consider childcare for her daughter. Matt and Julie to look at the full report in more detail and come to a decision and to report back to Directors. ***Matt & Julie to action***



Recycling Groups Update:

Campbeltown Waste Watchers: Operating as normal with a reduction of one or two staff. Scottish Executive decision awaited.

MESS: Charity shop and recycling going well. Will not get money from the INCREASE fund for kerbside collections but applications will be made to charitable trusts.

Argyll Environment Centre: Discussion took place regarding the potential creation of an information and education centre for the public and school groups, and also a venue for conferences. This could be built from scratch or using an existing building. Bob suggested looking at existing environment centres to see how they operate. Eamon proposed having a feasibility studied prepared. Mairi seconded. *Matt to action*

10. Events/Dates for Diary

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment (IEMA)	17 August	Corran Halls, Oban
Social Enterprise Network	5 October	Cairndow
ABREEF Environmental Fair	5, 6 & 7 October 2006	Lochgilphead
Beach Forum Event	20 October 2006	Corran Halls, Oban

More details are needed regarding the IEMA event in August. Contact Jean Thomas at 0141 332 1786. *Matt to action*

11. AOB

Environmental Policy

Matt circulated GRAB's Environmental Policy. This to be continued for discussion at the next meeting.

Green Cones have been ordered by Jean for Kate's kitchen food waste at MACK & MAGS. This will operate as a pilot to show how food waste from commercial premises might be dealt with.

Alienergy has commissioned a survey on automatic wood fuel systems. Wood, such as pallets, from the waste stream could be used. Bob to summarise REMADE's report on wood chip boilers. *Bob to action*

11. Next Meeting

11am on Tuesday 26 September 2006 at the George Hotel, Inveraray

