

# TheGRAB Trust

GROUP FOR RECYCLING IN ARGYLL & BUTE

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**Directors Meeting – Minutes  
12.00pm – Monday 30 July 2007  
The Café, Corran Halls, Oban**

**Present:** Dave Protherough (Re-JIG), Alan Millar (A & B Council), Mairi MacKinnon (MESS), Michaela Clelland (SEPA), Karen Paterson (Alienergy), Matt Lewis (GRAB), Eamon King (GRAB), Aisa Nebreda (GRAB), Julie Fairbrass (GRAB), Jean Kennedy (GRAB)

- 1. Apologies:** David Blair, Tony Edwards, Bob McIlwraith, Alison Hay
- 2. Welcome:** Dave Protherough welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting (14 May 2007) were agreed except for:-

The beach clean referred to under the Beach Project was at Westport not Campbeltown.

The Nappy Project under Funding & Finance – SEPA gave £1,000 and not £800 for the first nappy packs.

- 4. Matters Arising**  
None.
- 5. Project Workers' Reports (see each report)**

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

Report from Beach & Marine Litter Officer (Aisa Nebreda)

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

Report from Mid-Argyll & Kintyre (Matt Lewis)

Dave requested that the number of people attending talks should be entered into the reports. *Matt/Aisa/Eamon/Julie to action*

- 6. Beach Project**



Aisa has organized a Beach Forum event on 23 October in the Corran Halls, Oban.  
Aisa to e-mail details to Directors. *Aisa to action*

## 7. Funding & Finance

Matt reported a surplus of £16,000. Outstanding Beach Project money to come from Leader +. Spent £5,000 more than we got in but balanced by Julie's extra day. Income from SWF is not index-linked but will impact in future. Pay increases were discussed. Julie would like to work an extra day due to pressure of work. No funding from Crown Estates was forthcoming for Aisa's extra day. £5,000 for nappy funding was from our own reserves.

## 8. Project Development

**Safe Kids Events** - Eamon stated that the four-day Safe Kids event in Helensburgh & Lomond was too rushed and too intense.

**Community Warden Scheme** - Julie asked if the Community Warden scheme could be extended to other areas but Alan stated that it is unlikely that this would happen. Eamon to provide Matt and Julie with information. *Eamon to action*

**Plastic-free Town** - Discussion took place with regards to Dunoon being a plastic-free town. Matt to talk to Councillor Ron Simon about this. *Matt to action*

**Nappy Project** – CRNS have taken over from WRAP. Needs more funding – very time-intensive.

**Al Gore Climate Change film** – positive feedback.

### **Compost Rockets -**

**Islay** – New control panel fitted which makes the rocket work quicker. Material used as mulch rather than compost. IDEAS and Re-JIG are looking to do kitchen waste collections in the future. The abattoir is keen to be involved in composting. Dave pointed out that the running costs of heating the rocket are quite high.

**Mull** – Sited at Glengorm and processing kitchen and garden waste. Training has taken place. The operators want to put caddies in all estate houses.

**Bute** – Tony no longer wants this rocket. CRNS will find alternative users in Argyll & Bute. *Matt to action*

**Tiree** – Materials not available for feeding rocket. May go to Coll/Loch Fyne Oysters.

**Tetra-Pack** – only funding central belt (£180,000 campaign launch). Julie to contact Tetrapak. *Julie to action*



**Recycling in Ardentinny, Lochgoilhead, Strone and Ardroy** – Eamon terminating this service at the end of August. Dave thanked Eamon on behalf of the group for all of his hard work.

**Staff Appraisals** – Matt now has the forms and will offer a PDR to each member of staff in the autumn. *Matt to action*

**Bokashi** – Fermenting process which Wendy Hickman wants to sell to the Council. Matt to buy one and report back. *Matt to action*

**Jute Bags** – One thousand bags have been purchased and will be sold at the Summer Shows at £3 each or 2 for £5. *Matt/Julie/Eamon/Aisa to action.*

**Summer Shows** - Public should be educated at events as to why only certain items can be recycled, e.g. no market for material. *Matt/Julie/Eamon/Aisa to action.*

**9. Events/Dates for Diary**

Environment Awareness event in Hunter's Quay, Dunoon – 11 August.  
ABREEF Environment Fair at Lomond Shores – 6, 7 & 8 September.  
Beach Forum event – 23 October in the Corran Halls, Oban.

**10. AOB**

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**11. Next Meeting**

Tuesday 30 October at 11.00am in The Campbell Room, Argyll Hotel, Inveraray.

