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DIRECTORS MEETING – MINUTES

11am - Tuesday 02 May 2006
Kilbowie House Meeting Room

Present: Alan Millar, Jan Brown, Dave Protherough, Mairi MacKinnon, Bob McIlwraith, Michaela Clelland, Matt Lewis, Karen Judd, Eamon King, Julie Fairbrass

1. **Apologies:** Jean Kennedy, Tony Edwards, David Blair, Kate McDonald and Alison Hay

2. Dave welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Amendments:

Michaela Clelland to be inserted to the apologies list. *Jean to action*

The minutes of the previous meeting (Monday 27 Feb 2006) were agreed.

4. **Matters Arising**

Compost Rockets: Michaela not got back with regulatory information yet.

People & Places Award for Mull & Islay. Argyll & Bute Council have won an award for 'Supporting Community Cleanups on Mull & Islay'. A local presentation event has been planned for 28th June at Kilmory Council Chambers to recognise all of the council, & community support that has taken place.

Campbeltown Waste Watchers: Alan Millar gave a quick update summarizing that the long-term situation at CCW is still unclear. Discussions are ongoing to try and maintain the various services that may be at threat and the Scottish Executive are currently considering future funding packages.

CRNS Awards: Bute Waste Watchers were short listed for the Community Group of the Year and RE JIG were also short-listed for the Innovation Award for their Bio-diesel Project. Although neither won, it is still a great achievement for Argyll groups getting national recognition.

5. **Staff Issues**

Accommodation: The Dunoon Office situation is still not resolved. A formal home-working arrangement will be arranged between GRAB & Eamon until the situation changes. *Matt to send figure via email and a contract to be generated.*



Eamon explained that Bute Waste Watchers are setting up an office in Cowal in the near future and that he would be able to share office space with them. This process has stalled due to legal matters but will hopefully be rectified in a few months. *Eamon to liaise with Tony Edwards.*

Staff Contracts: All GRAB staff contracts (excluding the Beaches Officer) have been extended by two years. The next renew will be May 2008. *Letter will be set out to confirm this.*

6. 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)

7. Funding & Finance

Financial update: Matt is still waiting for the final year end figures & accounts from the Council, so no financial update was given. *Matt will e-mail final figures & accounts as soon as they arrive and are verified.*

Beaches and Marine Litter Project: The future funding of the Beach Project after Feb 2007 will have to be investigated. EB Scotland, Crown Estate, SNH will be asked to continue funding the project but Leader + will only fund new projects and not the continuation of the present one. Private Trusts (Esmee Fairbairn and the Robertson Trust) will be approached as well as Environmental Action Grants & Argyll and Bute Council.

Matt & Karen to action

Staff Pensions: GRAB Contributions for 05/06 will be rolled forward and paid as soon as the paperwork is completed. *Matt to contact Craig Aitken.*

8. Project Development

Composting Rockets: Four of the five Rockets are now in place. The final Rocket machine destined for Bute is still at Lingerton CA Site. *Eamon & Matt to liaise with Tony Edwards regarding onward transport.*

The installation and operations training has not taken place yet. Matt suggested this could be carried out in three locations instead (Mull, Tighnabruich & Islay). *Matt to arrange ASAP.*

The "start-off" liquid not supplied with rockets. *Matt to investigate.*

Bob asked if a note could be prepared, say in six months time, of how the rockets work, their throughput, problems that have arisen and what has been learned so far. Scottish Organic Services have an obligation to do this as part of the original project brief. *Matt to action*

Summer Shows: Jean is putting together a list of agricultural shows to be attended. Joint partnership stands with SEPA will continue where appropriate. *Matt to action*



TEAR (Tiree) Development Officer: TEAR with help from Matt were successful in their application to INCREASE for a 2 year development project. They will employ a p/t worker with a remit of developing waste & recycling projects on Tiree & Coll. **Matt to assist with recruitment and project set-up activities.**

Real Nappy Week: 23 – 27 April 2006. Julie and Terri Donavan held a Real Nappy Roadshow in the Oban & Lorn Area. The events were a lot of work to organise but very worthwhile & successful. Julie was commended for her work on this project. **Julie to write a post-event press release for the Oban times.**

Composting Week: 7 – 14 May 2006 Matt suggested focusing any schools visits / talk on composting during the run up to this week. **A press release is to be written and distributed to all local newspapers – Matt, Eamon and Julie to action.**

Mairi requested further composting information. **“Compost for all” booklets to be send to Mul and. Islay. Matt to action**

ABREEF Environment Fair: The 2006 event is scheduled for Thus 5th, Fri 6th & Sat 7th October in Lochgilphead. A co-ordinator (Samantha MacKenzie) had been appointed and all schools in the Mid-Argyll area will be invited. It is planned to have an evening event on the Friday and a family open day on the Saturday.

9. Any Other Business

Islay Waste Collection Changes: There will be a fortnightly residual waste collection trial on Islay and Jura starting in July/August. Residents will get a brown bin for garden waste and survival sacks for plastics and cans. The Council & Re-JIG will manage the sorting and processing of the materials. **GRAB to assist with general education / promotion.**

Recycling Vessel Feasibility Project: Michaela discussed some of the findings of the study which will be presented at the Waste Strategy mtg on 18th May on Islay.

Recycling figures: The figures for 2005/06 are currently being finalised and once audited will be available for public dissemination.

GRAB will work with the data & figures to provide area & material-specific information for the public where appropriate.

MESS: Mairi reported on their recent application to INCREASE for pilot kerbside collection s and small scale commercial collections on Mull. Further discuss arose.

Re – Jig / Bio-Diesel: Dave reported that 900 litres of bio-diesel was made in the first month of production. They have also been satisfactorily inspected by Customs & Exercise. Further discussion arose.

Re-Jig are also looking a glass crusher that works using ultra-sonics which take off sharp edges and produce a safe, usable product.

10. Next Meeting

11am Tuesday 11 July – Lochgilphead (venue to be arranged)



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