

IGHT Board Meeting

Monday 27th January 2020

Trust Office – 19:00

Present: Ian Wilson (IW), Fergus Christie (FC), Jane Clements (JC), Ailsa Raeburn (AR), Anne Shaw (AS), Stuart McNeill (SM) Linda McDonald (LM), Brandon Clements (BC), Malcolm Henderson (MH)

Minutes: Alexandra Vipurs

1. Chair update

Ian Wilson opened the meeting at 19.15 and a prompt start was made in discussing items on the agenda.

a) Gigha Community Fund

A Community Fund Meeting was held on Thursday 23rd January 2020 and the applications were discussed. The fund (totalling £1273) has been allocated to three applications which will support the community of Gigha. A press release regarding this will be published in the coming week.

b) Bidwells

Ian Wilson, Andy Clements and Jane Clements had a telephone conversation with Bidwells on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 to discuss ongoing issues with the service provided by them. The service agreement between Bidwells and the IGHT was terminated 31st December 2019. A group meeting arranged by Andy Clements, followed by individual appointments will be arranged with all the island farmers to discuss tenancy rent reviews and future arrangements.

2. Finance update

Management accounts were presented by Ian Wilson. Currently there is £175K in the IGHT reserve account and £30K in the current account, GTL has £61k, GREL £97k plus £40K in the reserve account. GGPL has £202K and a reserve of £22K. A loan transfer of £73K will take place from GREL by 31st March 2020.

a) Finance Director

There is an advertisement out for a Financial Director, although to date no applications have been received. However, efforts will continue to find a Director with financial experience.

b) Financial Training

Financial training has been arranged through Fiona McGlyn. A convenient day for this training will be arranged and members of the Gigha Community will be invited to attend this.

3. Achamore Gardens

a) Head Gardener appointment

Bryony White has accepted the role of Gardener at Achamore Gardens and her start date will be confirmed this week. She will be moving into Keil 2 shortly.

b) Restoration development update

A future date to be organised to complete a Woodland survey to identify and prioritise areas needing immediate improvement. A request for the services of an architect has been put out to tender. A price will be investigated for drainage and garden designers ahead of the next meeting.

4. Housing and hub development

Jane Millar is drafting an application for funding towards the housing and the hub development. The financial options to fund this development need to be investigated further.

5. Holiday Cottages appraisal

All the cottages are now under the management of IGHT. Following the publication of the cottages appraisal, feedback has been sought from IGHT and GTL to inform the final decision on future management options for the holiday cottages.

6. Staffing

Current staffing was discussed. It has been agreed that Ann Shaw will arrange a monthly staff meeting at 3.30pm on the day of the IGHT Board meeting. It was noted that Pamela James will be leaving on the 14th February 2020 and will be handing any existing work to Hannah Fawcett. Hannah to be invited to attend the February board meeting.

7. 2020 Board Action Plan

Ian Wilson discussed the draft board action plan which has been produced for the 2020 year. Many action points are already well underway. This action plan will be presented to IGHT Board members at a future members meeting and will be reviewed throughout the year.

8. Correspondence

Correspondence received by the IGHT was discussed.

9. Members meeting

A year planner will be arranged for future members meeting. The next members meeting will be on Wednesday 25th March 2020. Bryony White will be invited to give a short introduction on her newly appointed role of Head Gardener.

10. AOCB

No additional business was raised.

Meeting ended at 21:14

Next meetings: 24th February 2020 at 19:00.
23rd March 2020 at 19:00