

Wednesday 16th September 2020

The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust and Subsidiary Companies Draft Accounts Headlines - AGM 24th September 2020

The Report and Draft Accounts for IGHT and subsidiary companies for 2019/20 will be presented at the AGM on Thursday 24th September 2020. Although the accounts will still be in a draft form, we have been advised that RA Clement do not anticipate that there will be any further adjustments to the figures, just the accounts will not be signed off until after the AGM.

The draft accounts are available for inspection at the Trust Office or on the Gigha website. The Board will answer questions at the AGM but request that these are raised in advance, no later than **7pm on Monday 21**st **September**. Please note this date has now been extended to allow for Members to review the draft accounts prior.

Draft Accounts Headlines:

IGHT

IGHT net income was £200,710 for 19/20. This total includes £237,780 from voted up donations from the subsidiary companies.

Debt Reduction

During the 19/20 period, the Board continued focussing on reducing the debt held by the Trust which has been significantly impacting on the Trust's ability to maintain and invest in its assets and community over the last few years.

At year end IGHT debt had reduced from £1,187,137 at 18/19 year end to £752,525 at 19/20 year end. The Trust has focussed on paying down the most expensive debt to service with AMC. By year end we had reduced total capital and interest debt repayments from £105,000 pa in 18/19 to £70,500 in 19/20. This is forecast to reduce to £36,000 next financial year. This is releasing over £70,000 in additional income for the Trust to invest in its assets and community year on year.

Estates and Housing

£49,720 was spent on property maintenance and agricultural activity in 19/20. The Trust is in a much better financial and cash position which means properties are now being maintained and refurbished where necessary. During the year, the Board also worked to ensure better financial controls were put in place with regular cash flow reports and management accounts now available to the Board, and a budget for key estate items that are agreed with Directors and staff.

Achamore Gardens raised £26,702 in 19/20. These funds have supported the appointment of the Head Gardener role. Funds received for Achamore Gardens will now appear as restricted funds and will be used to support the on-going restoration and development of the Gardens.



GTL

GTL still owe IGHT £52,797 for the Marine loan.

GTL was charged a management fee of £24,000 during the year and a donation of £15,464 was paid.

GTL has a trading profit of £29,568 which is expected to be voted up to IGHT before 31.12.2020 meaning that the corporation tax to be paid is £NIL.

GREL

GREL will vote up £75,779 to IGHT before 31.12.20, meaning that the corporation tax to be paid will be £NIL. GREL accounts show a trading loss (£11,521). However, this is after depreciation of £14,984 and the prior year donation of £72,316 to IGHT, which gives a taxable profit of £75,779.

GGPL

GGPL made a donation of £150,000 to IGHT in the year. GGPL accounts show a trading loss (£33,952). This is after claiming capital allowances resulting in taxable profit of £28 which is covered by losses brought forward and therefore no corporation tax due.

This information is directed at the financial position of the Trust. This is, of course, not the only focus of the Board's attention but it does underpin the future and sustainability of the community.