

Minutes of C3 Board meeting held via zoom on 8th July 2020

1. **Present** - Iain, John, Vicki, Rory, Robin, Tim. **Apologies** - Nick

2. The following were appointed as **Officers to the Board** -

Iain as Chair, Tim as Vice-chair and John as Treasurer & Company Secretary.

3. **Access to Ardlarach Loch** - Following a request from Janine Calder the board agreed to carry out a feasibility study into improving the access to Ardlarach Loch for swimmers. Colin L-M who owns the land and water had given his approval in principle and residents would be consulted. Tim would speak with Lou Boase. Rob would prepare some drawings and speak to Janine. Safety and responsibility issues would have to be explored. The aim would be to provide something simple, unobtrusive and affordable.

4. **Community/School Play Area** - The next directors' meeting will be after the beginning of the school term. We are still committed to handing the site over to the school as it reopens but we are still waiting for the Health & Safety Inspection of the site with the Headteacher. The cupola is in place and the turf is in good condition. Iain has ordered 4 wooden benches. Outstanding issues - signage, children's artwork, agreement with the Parent Council about regular maintenance.

5. **C3 website** - Vicki is continuing her work on building a new website. Rory would circulate a possible design for a new logo.

6. **The next meeting** will be a conference call at 5pm on Wednesday **12th August**.

Postscript - from email sent by Iain on 23rd July

Iain and Tim met Donna Scholefield on site and had a very straightforward meeting. She undertook to do a Health and Safety Assessment and to forward it to us for comments. The legal agreement with A & B requires a six monthly meeting and risk assessment, though Donna believes that will hardly be necessary since they will be carrying out regular assessment for the site and for individual pupils. For legal and insurance purposes we should have sight of 6 monthly site risk assessments.

Once Blair has finished, there is some surplus material to be removed and one or two other minor things to be done. It was agreed that Iain would order two benches with backs for the two open spaces to complement the benches without. This creates a seating semi circle which is a good format for teaching. It was also agreed that the hardcore should be grass seeded. Otherwise it simply grows weeds. Losing the break between the grass and the hardcore also will increase the feeling of space.

It makes sense for the school to use it for a few weeks before we allow the community generally to have access. That way they can settle in and effectively teach the older children how to use the area. Teething problems can be ironed out and issues addressed before it has to cope with less organised visitors. Also the responsibility for ongoing care needs to be organised and it is apparent that this is not going to happen until the school is using it and the parents appreciate its potential. This would enable whatever group was formed to do this was part of the decision making process in how best to prepare the area for community access.

We seem to be on track for school access on August 11th which is encouraging. The next moment for publicity is probably then when we can explain the decision to go for phased access. We are not anticipating that the community will be upset by the short delay which is for understandable reasons.