

## **Minutes of C3 Board meeting**

### **17.00 Wednesday 9th September 2020**

1. **Apologies** - Nick Purdey

2. **Minutes** of 12th August 2020 were approved

#### **3. New director**

Angie Bird was co-opted to the board with a particular responsibility for Talamh an Righ.

#### **4. Finance**

John had circulated his monthly financial report showing only very limited activity since the last meeting. John also indicated his intention to stand down as director and treasurer because of his deteriorating health condition caused by MS. He was thanked profusely for his contribution over the years both in taking care of our finances and for his good company. There was a discussion as to how to go about finding his replacement. Vicki undertook to post the vacancy on Facebook and to have a word with Wil Craig.

Iain will talk to Rebecca and we will all put out as many feelers as we can.

#### **5. Community/School Play Area & Roundhouse**

Angie reported on Talamh an Righ. She remarked that the children, which include her daughter, were enjoying it and were out there most days. She has asked the school to ask the children for suggestions as to what they would like to see happen. She has been in touch with Ian Miles with regard to bringing back the play equipment which was originally there. A bin costing circa £50 will be ordered once the school has activated its additional bin capacity. She has looked into buying a reconditioned lawnmower for £200. It was suggested that this should be self-propelled and that she should feel free to spend more than £200 if needs be. Lastly she plans to organise a couple of days of activities for children outside school hours.

There then followed a discussion as to how we would handle requests for use of the area which might be deemed 'commercial'. Before developing a policy concerning fees/contributions/insurance etc it was felt best to wait and see what develops with Angie as the appointed co-ordinator.

#### **6. Knotweed Control**

There has been a material reduction in the amount of knotweed on the Ardfarn side of the peninsular and, as a result, treatment has taken less time this year. Rory and Vicki were thanked for the sensitive way they had responded to negative comments about the use of glyphosate. We have been transparent and provided really helpful factual information. We will continue to keep an eye on developments to provide a method of biological control and give advance warning before next summer's treatment programme. The idea was first proposed at an AGM and that is probably still the best forum for any future discussion of the project.

#### **7. Communications - Facebook page**

Vicki will provide update on the appointment of Angie and John's retirement.

## **8. Broadband no report**

### 9. AOB

- (a) The Village Hall Committee and Community Council are in discussion with Argyll & Bute about the need for a hard standing for the glass recycling containers to avoid spillage. There is no bottle bank in Craobh. The Community Company was being asked if it would be able to help with the raising of funds, which might be several thousand pounds. In line with our operational policy, it was agreed that we are not able to provide money from our own funds but we are willing to be the vehicle for fund-raising if someone with this project on their heart is ready to be co-opted to the board to take the lead. Rory will report back.
- (b) In response to a question about the village noticeboard Iain indicated that Rebecca was re-engaged in sourcing the new board which could now display the new company logo!

**Next meeting - 5pm 14th October**