

Eilean Eisdeal Directors' meeting

MINUTES for meeting dated 24/06/2025, 8pm, via video link.

Present: Hannah Bailey-Thomas (HBT, Chair), Samantha Payn (SP), Jackie Inch (JI)

		Action
Apologies	Jhennia Leipert (JL), Kyle Mathews	
Conflicts of interest	None declared	
Minutes of previous meeting dated	Dated 05/06/2025 - proposed by JI, seconded by HBT	
Matters arising	<u>Newsletter</u> still to be sent	SP
	<u>Payroll</u> move to external provider. This needs to be handled sensitively.	
	The draft contract we have prepared so far is too “corporate” and should be edited to focus on notice periods, holiday entitlement and job description.	
	JI to progress change of payroll with emails to Bev and Lynn regarding the “change” of employer to start to remove some historic anomalies from the situation	JI
	JL to look at contract revisions	JL
	<u>Harbour committee</u> - did not meet so no wish list to submit	
	<u>AI funding finder</u> - HBT would like other directors to experiment with it. For reference: https://chatgpt.com/share/684d97b2-c4ec-8004-a51e-e4758e0a4ca6	All
	<u>Ferry fee negotiation</u> - JI awaiting feedback from her letter dated 6th June.	All
	<u>Ferry shed slide show</u> - defer to Autumn/Winter	SP
	<u>KM conflict of interest form</u> - SP to find it.	
	<u>Mooring invoices</u> - now sent	
	<u>Bench on Hill</u> - SP to source	SP
Treasurer's Report	Bank balance looking very healthy still. JI considering opening an instant access savings account to earn interest. It was agreed that this would be good, even if interest rates are very low. KM asked for clarification of “Event Scotland” funding for WSSC, which is not yet in the account.	JI
	Move to Xero accounting system. JI to review costs and sign up to obtain maximum benefit for EE.	JI
Secretary's Report	Insurance renewal cost £6,146.24 (an increase of 8.3%) due 30/6/2025. SP to see if we get a discount for paying as a lump sum, and establish whether the increase includes the increased visitor numbers for WSSC.	SP
	Networking: SP to provide thumbnail sketches of potential benefit of networking with various organisations: Development Trust Association Scotland, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations, Scottish Islands' Federation, Scottish Rural and Islands Transport Community, Scottish Islands News.	SP
	HBT suggested that any invitations to networking events be circulated to all directors, in case someone has the time or especial interest to go.	SP/ALL
Governance	EE Log-ins to websites of organisations which we belong to (i.e. DTAS, SCVO) - can we get one log-in for all directors to each organisation? SP to investigate	SP

	Can we use Google Password manager to rationalise EE passwords? HBT has experience of using it, can HBT confirm we can do that?	HBT
Museum	Visitor number update - JI to provide HBT to offer her retired laptop to Lynn for museum use. Can Dale equip it with the EE suite of Microsoft/Google tools> Co-op Fund - Minecraft project application (JI) Electricity bill still way too high. Problems include the fact we have (and have to pay for) two meters. JI in touch with utility bill brokers but none are offering seriously reduced prices at the moment. Museum internet costs also very high. JI to review the market. Co-op grant for minecraft project - it was agreed that Antonia should press ahead with this application	JI HBT JI JI
Harbour	Feedback from Neil McCrirrick re Crown Estates survey. Crown Estate Scotland consultation - feedback from Neil McCrirrick, this is a regular invitation but has no relevance to EE, so no action needed. Harbour committee have been advised of their budget for this year, and will revert with spending plans. Harbour committee have also been asked to think about how to approach tour companies who include Easdale in their itineraries for payment/donations.	
Hall	Hall committee requested that the Arts Programme profits be reinvested in the Arts Programme. Unfortunately, hall overheads mean that the hall (including arts programme) does not make a profit. There was a general discussion about the purpose and viability of the Arts Programme. It was emphasised that every effort must be made to break even at least. It was agreed that the season for events should be set at from Easter to September, with a few community targetted events in the winter months. Grant for kitchen equipment. It was agreed that a sub-committee needs to be set up to plan this expenditure. A request for community involvement will be sent out in the newsletter.	
Stone Skimming Community Matters	All on track. Bike shed. HBT submitted her recommendations which were approved. Order to be placed. Island families with children to be involved in the siting/erection of the shed. Suggestion from the community that Willie be offered a £350 contribution to the cost of his latest lawnmower in recognition of all the grass-cutting he does for the island. HBT to propose this to him	SP HBT HBT
AOB		
Date of next meeting	17th July, 8pm	