

Eilean Eisdeal Directors' meeting

MINUTES for meeting dated 17/07/2025, 8pm, via video link.

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

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Apologies	Jhennia Leipert (JL)	
Conflicts of interest	None declared	
	As no agenda has been prepared, SP suggested a short, informal meeting to catch up on progress and avoid adding new tasks to anyone's list.	
Review of Previous Minutes	The minutes of the meeting dated 6th June (W SP draft minutes directors meeting 20250624.docx) were sent out not long before this meeting, so it was agreed to review those minutes, along with these minutes, at the next meeting.	All
Hall	<p><u>Kitchen subcommittee</u>: Rob Grigg has volunteered to join this subcommittee. It was agreed this subcommittee will not meet until after the stone skimming event.</p> <p><u>Cooker Replacement</u>: JI raised the possibility of using a landing craft, arranged by Antonia, to remove the old cooker from the island, as this is a rare opportunity. After some discussion it was decided to decline this offer as it would be too early given current stage of kitchen ideas.</p> <p><u>Arts co-ordinator</u>: this role needs to be filled if there is to be a programme of events next year. It was agreed that arranging a full programme of events is a significant job.</p> <p><u>Arts programme</u>: There was discussion around the technical difficulties in using the existing sound/lighting desk, and that maybe getting a simpler desk, which could be linked to bands' own software for sound management might be a good idea.</p> <p>It was suggested that we look at organising a reduced programme of four events next year (at Stone Skimming, New Year's Eve, and two other dates) ourselves, while making the Hall accessible to local bands.</p> <p><u>Primary focus of hall usage</u>: HBT recalled a previous discussion about shifting the hall's focus from a gig venue to a community space, with a questionnaire planned to gauge community interest.</p> <p>JI stressed the importance of revenue-generating events to sustain the hall, as community-only use may not be financially viable.</p> <p>SP mentioned potential funding for community spaces if regular use can be proven, citing an example of another council providing funds for public toilets.</p>	
	<p><u>Hall Hire and Invoicing</u>: Colin McPherson used the hall for three days but may not have been billed. SP to find out. Dale has continued to record private hire bookings since stepping down as director, and charging £20/hour. SP can create invoices for private hall hires (e.g., yoga sessions, free divers) at £20/hour, if Dale copies her in when bookings are made.</p> <p>JI can provide a blank invoice template and stores financial records centrally.</p> <p>The Zero accounting software allows for 10 invoices per month, which should be sufficient.</p>	SP JI

HB suggested encouraging bands to accept invoices and bank transfer payments for better record-keeping. KM suggested the hall website be updated with clear terms and conditions for bands.

SP still has £500 cash which was not paid to the Antics as their gig was cancelled. SP to put back in the bank.

SP

Hall cleaner: post advertised again in the newsletter and the Islanders messenger group.

Harbour

There was a brief discussion of the figures circulated by JI for the proposed increased charge to Argyll & Bute Council (ABC) per contract terms. It was agreed to go with the middle option of Increase by RPI Since 2016 = 151.3% increase = £4,540 a year, plus an additional charge for the use of the hall toilets.

It was noted that over time the proportion of non-island-resident ferrymen has meant a significant increase in use of the hall toilets, with additional electricity, consumables and cleaning requirements. As the ferry has to be stationed on Easdale during meal breaks for the ferrymen, they have no option but to use the hall facilities.

SP to draft a letter outlining the rationale for the increased ferry service charge and raise the question of toilet use to ABC, JI to review for financial accuracy and KM to review for tone.

SP

JI

KM

Museum

No updated information.

Community matters

Children's Bike Shed: The new shed has arrived and is on the Ellenabeich slip. HB is hoping Joe will lead the building efforts.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 19 August 20:00