



MULL & IONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th April 2002 in the GLENFORSA HOTEL

PRESENT : Sandy Brunton, Tom Bettley, Alan Mc Connochie, Michael Ackerley, Alan Parker, Georgia O' Neil.

APOLOGIES : David Gracie, Olive Brown, Jo Reade, Derek Crook, Stephen Ashworth

MINUTES : Minutes of the meeting on 4th March 2002 proposed by Sandy and seconded by Michael.

BOARD ELECTIONS - Sandy, Tom and Alan Mc were re-elected as President, Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Michael accepted the post of vice president. Thanks to Anne and Stephen for all their efforts.

MATTERS ARISING : WEBSITE - Database updates ongoing. This month's news item will be regarding the AGM. Details to be sent to Round & About and the Muileach re the Website. <**GEORGIA**>. Circular E-Mail will be regarding the Stalls available at the Clan MacLean gathering. <**SANDY**> will advise Georgia. Sandy requested **JO and MICHAEL** write an article on the Ferry Committee for the Website.

FERRY COMMITTEE - Michael attended the committee meeting. A positive point was the benefit new vessels will have on the service.

NETWORK - Sandy has received the Declaration from the La Palma meeting. He will extract relevant points to send to MPs, etc.<**SANDY**>

PRESIDENT : Sandy commented on correspondence received in the month. The 2 main matters were - 1 - the Digital communities roadshows which are imminent and - 2 - Sandy's report on a problem Jo had when it was discovered the Co-op were intending to sell fresh baked bread. Jo contacted Sandy for his support in approaching the Co-op regarding the matter and they successfully persuaded the Co to delay this new venture which obviously would have had a devastating effect on Jo's business. All present felt Jo and Sandy had acted with commendable haste with the exception of Alan P who felt more consultation with Board members should have taken place.

Other items included - Annual dinner press coverage and further contact with Jim Hunter, Consignia, Post Office petition, Local Economic Forum, Community Web Site conference and Membership renewal.

COMM. TRUST UPDATE -No update in Pat's absence. Alan Mc presented a paper on Pat's behalf regarding the Social Economy.

TREASURER - Tom reported a balance of £2128.14.

SECRETARY - Alan reported on the correspondence received in the month.

AOCB - None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 6th May 2002 at the GLENFORSA HOTEL.