

MULL & IONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th August 2002 in the CRAIGNURE HALL

PRESENT : Sandy Brunton, Tom Bettley, Alan Mc Connachie, Georgia O' Neill, Derek Crook.

APOLOGIES : David Gracie, Olive Brown, Pat Logan, Jo Reade, Michael Ackerley.

MINUTES : Minutes of the meeting on 1st July 2002 proposed by Tom and seconded by Sandy.

MATTERS ARISING : RE - CYCLING - <DEREK> is trying to contact SEPA regarding the proposed meeting.

MACLEAN GATHERING - Sandy has received a letter of thanks from the organisers for the Chamber reception and our efforts with the craft/producers market.

CONSTITUTION - Sandy contacted Jane Mc Leod of the Mid - Argyll Chamber. Jane, who is a lawyer, will send us a copy of their constitution for our perusal.

FERRY COMMITTEE - Michael has forwarded a copy of next summers proposed ferry timetable.

OVERLAND ROUTE - Jim Hunter has promised Jo a meeting with the HIE later in the year.

FERRY TENDERING DOC. - Response required from interested parties.

PRESIDENT : Sandy advised the Chamber is to have a meeting with George Lyons, MSP and Alan Reid, MP on Tuesday 13.8.02 at 10.00 in the Distillery boardroom. An agenda was agreed.

The Scottish Islands Network is meeting in Arran. The islands represented are from North Ayrshire, Argyll and Highland regions. The agenda will include waste management and the ferry tender.

Ecosoc report on Peripheral Areas received.

The Network's 3rd Forum will be in Cagliari, 13-17 Nov, 2002. The Forum theme will be 'Handicaps of businesses on islands'. The Network website is www.insuleur.net and <GEORGIA> will investigate how to link up to it.

Scottish Chambers press release on Chamber membership received.<GEORGIA> will put on site.

COMM. TRUST UPDATE - No report in Pat's absence.

WEBSITE - <GEORGIA> will E - mail members details of fax, E - mail and junk mail preference services on receipt from <SANDY>. <DEREK> will advise Georgia of the Re-cycling meeting details for inclusion on site. <GEORGIA> will try to address P. Pinningtons concerns re the ability of phone lines to cope with increase in traffic when the free computers are introduced.

TREASURER - Tom reported a balance of £2849.38.

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

AOCB -<ALAN> will ask Olive for details on updating the Chamber car and correspondence stickers.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2nd September 2002. Venue to be confirmed.

Sorry if the minutes are a bit condensed - I'm off on holiday.