

MULL & IONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH MARCH 2002 IN THE GLENFORSA HOTEL**

PRESENT - SANDY BRUNTON, TOM BETTLEY, ALAN MC CONNOCHIE, MICHAEL ACKERLEY, JO READE, ALAN PARKER, STEPHEN ASHWORTH, GEORGIA O'NEILL.

APOLOGIES - DAVID GRACIE, OLIVE BROWN

MINUTES - MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THE 4TH FEBRUARY 2002 PROPOSED BY MICHAEL SECONDED BY TOM.

MATTERS ARISING - WEBSITE - GEORGIA UPDATED THE MEETING ON THE NEW SITE. THE DATABASE STILL NEEDS ATTENTION AND WORK IS ONGOING. MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES WILL APPEAR ON THE SITE A MONTH IN ARREARS. AT LEAST ONE NEWS ITEM WILL BE PUT ON THE SITE EACH MONTH ALONG WITH A CIRCULAR E-MAIL TO MEMBERS. MEMBERS SHOULD CONTACT GEORGIA DIRECT WITH NEWS ITEMS. OLD SITE WILL BE LINKED TO SITE.

WEST OF SCOTLAND CHAMBER GROUP - MICHAEL GAVE A REPORT ON THE LATEST MEETING. SUBJECTS INCLUDED - LOCAL ECONOMIC FORUMS, BUSINESS RATES, E BUSINESS CLUBS. THE AGM WILL BE IN GLASGOW ON 30.05.02.

ANNUAL DINNER - SANDY TOOK JIM HUNTER ON AN ISLAND TOUR - PROPOSED COMM. BUSINESS SITE- CRAIGNURE, SLAUGHTER HOUSE, PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL SITE, KNOTLESS FISHING TACKLE, TOBERMORY FISH FARM, DISTILLERY, SGRIOB RUADH, COMM. BUTCHERS SHOP. A PACK OF ISSUES WERE PRESENTED TO MR. HUNTER. ALL AGREED THE DINNER WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND A LETTER OF THANKS HAS BEEN SENT TO THE HIGHLAND COTTAGE. THE BREAKFAST MEETING WENT VERY WELL. JO TOOK JIM TO THE FERRY AND DISCUSSED THE FERRY OVERLAND ROUTE. JIM IS KEEN TO PROGRESS THIS AND WILL ORGANISE A MEETING WITH INTERESTED PARTIES IN OBAN. SANDY WILL CONFIRM TOPICS RAISED WITH JIM IN WRITING.

MULL & IONA FERRY COMMITTEE - MICHAEL IS ATTENDING A MEETING ON 7.03.02 TO FIX THE AGENDA FOR THE CAL. MAC. MEETING ON 21.03.02 AT WHICH JO WILL REPRESENT THE CHAMBER.

WEBSITE - USAGE SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR.

PRESIDENT - SANDY COMMENTED ON CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND ON THE SCOTTISH ISLANDS NETWORK MEETING HE ATTENDED IN OBAN.

COMM.TRUST UPDATE - NO UPDATE IN PAT'S ABSENCE.

TREASURER - TOM REPORTED A BALANCE OF £2004.41.

SECRETARY - ALAN REPORTED ON CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED. THE DISPLAY PANELS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR OUR MACLEAN GATHERING FUNCTION.

AOCB - TO REPORT DAMAGED ROADS- CONTACT RALF - 0800 373635. THIS MEANS THEY MUST TAKE ACTION.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - FOLLOWING AGM, 8.04.02 - GLENFORSA.