



MULL & IONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th May 2002 in the GLENFORSA HOTEL

PRESENT : Sandy Brunton, Tom Bettley, Alan Mc Connachie, Michael Ackerley, Georgia O'Neill, Jo Reade, Pat Logan, Alan Parker.

APOLOGIES : David Gracie, Olive Brown, Derek Crook.

MINUTES : Minutes of the meeting on 8th April 2002 proposed by Tom and seconded by Michael.

MATTERS ARISING : MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - Ongoing. Several new members in process of joining. The Board is hopeful the new Website will encourage more new members and greater participation from existing members.

FERRY COMMITTEE - <MICHAEL AND JO> will request that minutes of the meetings will be issued to original list members as promised. AGM will be 28.5.02 at Craignure Hall.

JO & THE CO - ABOUT THE DOUGH - After Jo and Sandy's discussion with the Co - op, the Co agreed not to install the ovens required to produce their part baked bread. Jo reported on the discussions that took place and felt that when the Co - op were presented with the relevant info they acted promptly and took the logical actions. Jo thanked the Co-op for their cooperation. Pat felt the constitution did not cover these events and will present suggestions for improvements at the next meeting. **<PAT>** The majority present felt it was vital that the President should be able to support members in this manner, whether or not they are Board members. Alan P. still feels there is a need for more consultation in such instances.

PRESIDENT : Sandy reported on a first aid course in Fionnphort, a housing report received and on the Scottish Islands Network Meeting in Orkney. This meeting also concerned the European Network that the Chamber is involved in. Island transportation issues were among subjects discussed.

COMM. TRUST UPDATE -Pat advised the Trust's AGM is on 21/5/02 in Craignure. The Shell Better Britain Roadshow will be in attendance with regard to green issues. The Trust is making its 3rd bid for lottery funding regarding composting and re-cycling on Mull. **<PAT>** will approach Olive and Derek with a view to the Chamber working formally with this initiative. Pat advised the Community butchers shop should be open by the end of May.

WEBSITE - Georgia has had requests that the Minutes be in upper and lower case. **<ALAN MC>** will attend to this when Georgia explains it to him ! All present thought the regular circular E-mails very useful. The next one will concern the Food Festival. **<GEORGIA>** Jo enquired if photos can be inserted in individual listings. **<GEORGIA>** will investigate. Jo pointed out that if you go to the 'Holidays on Mull' link you are leaving the Chamber site. Can this be avoided ? **<JO AND GEORGIA>** will discuss this and report back. **<ALAN MC>** will E-mail details of correspondence received during month to Georgia for inclusion on site.

TREASURER - Tom reported a balance of £1610.98.

SECRETARY - Alan reported on the correspondence received in the month. Alan Mc will finalise details for Clan Maclean function and will discuss with Olive and Sandy.

AOCB - As the tourist season is getting well underway and the hotel will be busy, **<ALAN MC>** will discuss with Stephen the possibility of holding the meetings elsewhere until after the Rally.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 3rd June 2002. Venue to be confirmed.