



MULL & IONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th MAY 2003 in the CRAIGNURE HALL

PRESENT : Alan Mc Connochie, Michael Ackerley, Sandy Brunton, Tom Bettley, Georgia O'Neill, John Cable, Terry Hegarty.

APOLOGIES : Olive Brown.

MINUTES : Minutes of the meeting on 7th April 2003 proposed by Sandy and seconded by Michael.

MATTERS ARISING : FERRY COMMITTEE - <MICHAEL> will attend the Ferry Committee on the 6.5.03 and will raise the subjects of Senior Citizen tickets and, as regards the summer 2004 timetable, the introduction of more early and late ferry sailings and changing Saturday timetables to match the rest of the week.

ROAD UPGRADE - <SANDY> will contact Alasdair MacDougall for a road update.

TRAVEL FAIR - Alan and Sandy advised the Board on the Fair.

The Fair is a huge event attended by large numbers of travel trade representatives. Our stand was very well attended and both Alan and Sandy would like to thank the local tourist office for supplying Abby Kirsop who does a great job promoting the Islands. All our competitors, Arran, Orkney, Skye and the Western Isles as well as the surrounding area, were present and the worst thing that could happen would be if Mull and Iona did not display on an annual basis. It was agreed that planning should start immediately and discussions on how to organise a stand for next year will take place after meetings with interested parties. Sandy is working on a data base of contacts who will be sent info requested.

MEMBERSHIP FEES - <GEORGIA> will issue an explanatory letter with the renewal form this week after agreeing draft with Sandy.

PRESIDENT : Sandy and Michael will try to attend the WOSCG meeting on the 22.5.03 at 10.30 in West Dumbarton. The Glasgow Chamber newsletter will be issued as a circular e-mail. <SANDY> will forward to <GEORGIA>. Sandy requested that <GEORGIA> put the Chamber logo on the site to enable members to download and use. Sandy encouraged all members attend the Housing Requirement meetings to be held on Mull.

COMM. TRUST UPDATE - It was decided to delete this section and <GEORGIA> will show a link to the Trust website.

WEBSITE - Georgia updated on site activity. After discussion regarding the old Zynet site <SANDY> will contact Jo for his comments.

TREASURER - Tom reported a balance of £2240.58.

SECRETARY - Alan reported on correspondence received in the month.

AOCB - Terry Hegarty of M.E,S.S. advised the Board on the work and aspirations of his organisation. MESS has funding for 2 years and will be particularly active in the South of Mull and Iona with a view to extending this work to the rest of Mull.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2nd June 2003 in the Craignure Hall at 8pm.