



MULL & IONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2005 in Craignure Hall

PRESENT: Sandy Brunton, Tom Bettley, Derek Crook, John Cable, Georgia O'Neill, Alan Parker, Michael Ackerley

APOLOGIES: Olive Brown, Jo Currie

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 2005/06

Georgia re-elected as Secretary, proposed by Sandy, seconded by Derek.

Tom re-elected as Treasurer, proposed by John, seconded by Alan.

Sandy re-elected as President, proposed by Michael, seconded by Tom.

Michael re-elected as Vice President, proposed by John, seconded by Sandy. Michael indicated that this would be his final term as Vice President.

MINUTES: Minutes from meeting 7th March proposed by Tom, seconded by Derek.

MATTERS ARISING:

Windsave <Derek> will email follow-up information to Georgia for inclusion in Chamber News email. Chris Baker has been appointed by Windsave as their official installer on Mull.

WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS: Still ongoing, John is still trying to get some information. What information has been gathered indicates that, amongst all the roads in Argyll and Bute that will be affected, over 50% are on Mull. <Georgia> will contact Kaz Rigby to see if she can attend our next meeting, should further information be needed at that time. <John> will find out when the proposed public meeting is going to be held, to be forwarded to all Chamber members.

TRAVEL SHOW The Tourist Office is no longer able to spare Abby Kirsop to help at the show. John has collected photos for the display boards.

PRESIDENT: Sandy commented on the success of the AGM and dinner.

Sandy had received a letter asking whether the Chamber would like to part own a community digital projector. It was felt that there was little or no need for the Chamber to use this facility.

Transport Guide for Mull and Iona has had to be delayed due to timetable changes following Bowmans buy-out of the Mull Shuttle.

TREASURER: Tom reported that the Chamber's bank statement showed a balance of £4775.05. This is not a true account due to his books still being with the auditor. Tom mounted a one-man-protest about the books being outwith his control, which was duly noted. <Georgia> will retrieve the books.

SECRETARY: <Georgia> will send letter of thanks to Neil and Margriet at Druimnacraish for hosting the Chamber's Annual Dinner.

It was discussed that, whilst board members are not expected to attend every board meeting, anyone unable to attend could still contribute to discussion via email to another member of the board.

AOB:

John has written to Maureen MacMillan about the VisitScotland takeover. He also received a letter from Billy Petrie of ALLST about this subject.

SNH freedom to roam leaflets are now available. <Georgia> will email members.

Food Hygiene Certificates: Legislation requires retraining but there is no time limit specified.

