

Mull and Iona Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of the meeting of the board of management held at the Isle of Mull Hotel on the 7th January 2008 at 2000 hours

Present: Sandy Brunton, Michael Ackerley, Brendan Walsh, Georgia O'Neil, Derek Crook

Apologies for Absence: none received

Minutes of the December meeting 2007 were read and approved. Prop: Georgia O'Neil; Sec Brendan Walsh
The minutes of the November meeting 2007 were read and approved. Prop: Michael Ackerley; Sec Sandy Brunton

Matters Arising and not On The Agenda: Offer of road traffic film to Calmac. Georgia still to do. **AP Georgia.**
 The post of Admin Assistant to be re-advertised. **AP Georgia**

AGENDA ITEMS

Travel Expo: Brendan confirmed that Holiday Mull proposed to attend. He could not attend but could help with the preparation and would contact John Cable for briefing on previous Expo experiences. Brendan to suggest to Holiday Mull that supplementary to the "Whole Island" approach a memory stick be prepared containing details of all the necessary information and links that travel attendees would be likely to need and distributed as a promotion to all enquiries from members of the travel trade attending Travel Expo – or at least all that could be caught. **AP Brendan**

Business To Business Networking Event: Confirmed venue, date and time: 20th February 2008, 12 noon at The Isle of Mull Hotel Restaurant.

Advertising in Am Muilleach, email to Members, requested links and re-circulation of information by Holiday Mull (**AP Brendan**) and Mull and Iona Community Trust (**AP Derek**). Poster later (**AP Georgia**) and distribution to include email to those registered to attend. Expressions of interest had already been received from The Isle of Mull Hotel,

Sgriob Rubh, Ardanalish Farm, Mull Organics, Glen Forsa Hotel, The Brook Partnership, Ooopspardon, The Isle of Mull Hotel to be asked to attend the next Board Meeting to help co-ordination of planning. (**AP Sandy**)
 Registration to be by 17th Feb. which allows time for reminding potential attendees with poor memories or diary systems.

Schedule: 12-12.20 12 noon to 12.20 (Georgia assisted by Derek) in Foyer and later in Restaurant. 12.25 to 12.30 Welcome by Manager of Isle of Mull Hotel. 12.30 to 12.35 Welcome by President. 12.35 lunch and main business.

Buffet Supply: the following to be contacted as possible sponsor suppliers: Bill Langford (**AP Brendan**); Glengorm, Island Bakery, Isle of Mull Oysters (AP Georgia); whisky, beer, preserves, venison (**AP Sandy**). Ardnalish Farm had already offered to supply beef/lamb.

Lobbying history of the Chamber to be prepared in time for distribution to those registered and to be sent with reminder to laggards. (Note: Whose **AP** is this?)

Royal Mail Update: Royal Mail to be re-contacted to emphasise that the Chamber would accept arrangement whereby incoming mail that missed the first boat would be held over until the next day, (**AP Sandy**). Sandy also to convey Chamber attitude to Community Council.

AGM and Annual Dinner: To be held at the Glenforsa Hotel. Provisional dates 20th or 29th March or 25th/26th April; (Brendan to check availability). Speaker: Jim Mather to be approached (**AP Sandy** after consultation with Brendan) or Norman Quirk (Glasgow Chamber of Commerce).

Affiliation to Glasgow Chamber of Commerce: our affiliation appears to have lapsed. **AP Sandy** to contact Norman Quirk at GCoC to suggest we pay an affiliation fee of £2.00 per member. The minutes should contain links to GlasgowCoc and Scottish CoC.

Treasurer's Report: a credit balance of £43239.34

The meeting closed at 2300 hours.