

**Arran Community Land Initiative Trustees Meeting  
Thursday the 3rd of October 2019 at 4:30pm  
at BENVIEW**

**Present-** Nick Burgess, Rob Cowieson, Keith Robertson, Jo Godwin, Jim Parkes

**Apologies-** Jill Wilkinson

1.	<p><b>Previous Minutes</b> Minutes from the previous meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 were approved as an accurate record.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Actions/Matters arising from 5/9/19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rob yet to confirm meeting with Shirley McLaughlin. Action still active. RC</li> <li>• Locality Partnership- Rob yet to confirm meeting with Ellen McMaster. Action still active. RC</li> <li>• Outdoor centre- meeting outstanding, action still open. RC</li> <li>• Allotment leases- Please note substantive discussion below.</li> <li>• Toilet part- Jim has sourced the materials, but is working out how to machine them to fit. He will speak with a colleague to discuss further. JP</li> <li>• Internet banking- Nick still to set his device up. NB</li> <li>• Integrated plan- Nick met with Alex on 19/9-action complete.</li> <li>• Traditional dyes- Action continuing with Nick pursuing with interested parties.</li> <li>• Agm actions- please note substantive discussion below.</li> <li>• Agricultural census- Form sent off, action complete.</li> </ul> <p><b>Agenda-</b> <b>Financial report and grants-</b> Please note report submitted to trustees by Jo. Current cash in hand £8192. No external income forecast at present. Since the last trustee meeting Jo, Rob and Nick met and discussed two applications.</p> <p>North Ayrshire Venture fund- Rob to polish up Nicks draft and submit requesting circa £10,000 per year over three years. RC</p> <p>Vegware community fund- Nick to draft application requesting support to cover monthly core skills. NB</p> <p>Rural support- We noted the consultants initial suggestion that certain environmental actions could release around £3200 in annual rural payment support.</p> <p>Action- Nick to contact the bank to set his device up.</p> <p><b>Allotments-</b> Rob has amended the leases. We discussed the changes and agreed them. We noted the insurance position as that Allotment</p>	
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<p>holders were advised to take out their own insurance for their own plot, but it was entirely a matter for them if they chose not to. Action- Jo to issue leases to allotment holders for signature. Action- Jo to keep a waiting list. We will keep the list under review to consider whether more plots are required.</p> <p><b>Winter programme-</b> We noted that the community garden will need less work over the winter. At the same time Darren's time reduces to two days per month and we have more conservation tasks or redevelopment tasks to do. We also noted that we did not want to lose momentum for the garden club participants over the winter if possible. Action- Nick to speak with Darren and garden club participants about tasks for the winter programme what participants may or may not want to get involved in and how we schedule it.</p> <p><b>Whiting Bay primary-</b> We were very pleased with the two visits by the school in September. The children were very engaged with the tasks, whether cooking, leaf rubbing, weeding and so on. It is always positive to see the engagement by children with the outdoors.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>JG</p> <p>NB</p>
<p><b>Rural Payments/Integrated Plan-</b> Alex has suggested that undertaking some riparian fencing, planting wild bird seeds, sowing species rich grassland and improving wetland habitat should lead to both grants to undertake and annual maintenance. We have also been informed that this is in addition to any basic payments or capital works that can be applied to rural payments for.</p> <p><b>Open Day-</b> We were all very pleased with the open day. We thought around 60 adults and children turned out. People seemed to enjoy the atmosphere, food and other activities. We made around £40 in donations for vegetables. It was done well at short notice.</p>	

<p>We also agreed that it would be helpful for acli to improve the Pizza oven and purchase items such as Dutch ovens, Kelly kettles and new picnic benches. This could be done in the New Year for 2020 although the High school could be approached re building picnic benches, and if not, the unpaid work, workshop on the mainland.</p> <p><b>AGM-</b>  The agm is set for 12/11/19 at Whiting bay village hall. Rob and Nick advised that they had met with Juliette to discuss her continuation as a trustee given that she has only managed part of one meeting since the last agm. We had spoken of the difficulties involved in not having a full set of trustees and that Jim Parkes has advised that he would be willing to come onto the trustee team. It was also raised with Keith that he had been unable to attend the last three meetings and whether he also was finding it difficult to attend the majority of meetings. It was emphasised that he contributed to the meetings when in attendance and did valuable work supporting primary school staff when they came to acli, but this could still be done whether or not he was a trustee. We noted that we needed a full team of trustees regularly in attendance who are able to take on a range of responsibilities. Another effect of limited attendance is that meetings can be longer than necessary and reduce time for new business, due to revisiting previous discussions to bring someone up to speed. Keith advised that he wanted to continue as a trustee.</p> <p><b>AOCB-</b>  Oscr- We noted the deadline for financial submission of 31/12/19. Action by Jo in due course, once accounts audited.  Chickens- Jim asked what trustees thought about keeping chickens on site. We agreed that in principle we had no objection, but what we needed was a plan by Jim about how they were to be kept, looked after and who would</p>	<p>JG  JP  NB/JW/DT</p>
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	<p>be responsible for their overall welfare. The plan to also cover who would take responsibility if Jim was unavailable. Action-Jim</p> <p>Gorse removal- Jill keen to be involved in a volunteer day to remove Gorse. Nick to raise with Darren for winter programme. Jill also happy to lead on identifying Horse trails.</p> <p>Next meeting- Thursday 7th of November- Robs house at 16.30.</p>	<p>JP</p> <p>NB</p> <p>JW</p>
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