

# Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust

ISLAND DIRECTORS' MEETING, 21/4/16

**Present:** Sarah Boden, Colin Carr, Greg Carr, Maggie Fyffe, Jacqueline Kirk, Ian Leaver, Stuart McCarthy, Tasha McVarish

**Chair:** Sarah Boden

**Volunteer Programme:** New wildlife warden, Dean Jones arrived & will be starting wildlife walks in May.

Volunteers are starting to arrive. Please let Tasha know if you can think of any tasks which volunteers could help with.

**Forestry Project:** LTFP won't be accepted until changes have been made to maps & thinning & felling plans. IL currently updating the maps on GIS system & producing any additional maps which are required.

Gary Servant has indicated that it would take 4/5 days to complete additional material but due to other commitments, won't be able to complete till June.

Brief sent to Making Local Woodlands Work (MLWW).

We have received 2 enquiries regarding purchase of fallen elm. IL to photograph & provide measurements of length & girth.

**Green Grants:** Final costs still to be supplied on just 1 remaining solar installation.

Small grant agreed towards Permaculture course to be held at Earth Connections Centre.

The grant will cover £100 towards cost of tutor plus £300 (ie 50% towards 6 subsidised places)

**Fencing:** All new gates now completed.

**Green Shed:** Repairs to green shed door ongoing.

All weather lighting ongoing.

**Eigg Electric:** Still waiting for Afnor "High Voltage Systems Safe Working" course to become available.

All 4 wind turbines now working again.

**Tracks:** Thanks to visiting contractor who filled in the worst of the potholes on track up to hall.

**CC & TM** still to walk the tracks & note drains & culverts which need attention.

**Trust Properties:** All leases now up to date & signed.

List of maintenance required for each property provided.

**House Sites:** Slight changes to road map suggested. Updated version to be circulated. Some discussion about whether or not it may be possible to include a clause which would prevent houses being sold as holiday cottages in the future.

**Housing for Rent:** Ongoing

**Old Surgery:** Meeting held with Gill McVicar on 12<sup>th</sup> April. The first stage would be for the building to be declared surplus to requirements. A survey of the building has been carried out but as yet no decisions have been made as to what might be included (ie sheds & garden).

**Eigg Trading:** Maintenance to An Laimhrig ie waiting room painted & guttering fixed still to be done.

Meeting held earlier with Andy Tuckwood & Ian Cameron re new waste contract.

Notice for expressions of interest to be circulated & printed out & displayed on notice boards.

Full details will be sent out on receipt of applications ~ closing date 27<sup>th</sup> May.

The contract will commence 1<sup>st</sup> September. There will be significant changes to the waste collection which will be made clear to residents nearer the time.

Business charges will not be enforced in the current financial year.

**Wigwams:** Foundation pads currently in progress.

Delivery date to be confirmed next week but expected to be early May.

Cable for electric connection ordered & expected to arrive shortly.

Website done: [eiggcampingpods.com](http://eiggcampingpods.com)

Eigg Adventures supplied a tender for management of the pods which has been accepted.

**GIS System:** Desktop computer purchased & GIS installed. We also now have a colour printer/scanner copier which can print A3 & a black laser printer.

Once bank statements received, a claim can be submitted in full for all equipment & business manager wages.

**Pier Wifi hotspot:** Currently identifying spec for equipment required. This includes an aerial which will cover a 500m radius, new router & software.

Other connections in the vicinity will in future be password protected.

It is thought that results of questionnaire will provide valuable information on visitor's experience.

**AOB:**

**Mobile Mast:** We have been contacted by Everything Everywhere Ltd who are looking for a potential new site to provide mobile telephone and mobile broadband coverage to Eigg. IL to accompany once a date for their visit has been confirmed

**Historic Environment Scotland:** Letter received from Chris Barrowman who is intending to visit 22<sup>nd</sup> April to assess the condition of a number of scheduled monuments. TM to meet.

**Museum:** Letter received from Davie Robertson agreeing to the release of land containing 2 ruined steadings adjacent to the Croft Museum. Map of the area will be required.

**Wreck:** Report of Wreck & Salvage form has been completed & returned to Maritime & Coastguard Agency

**DONM:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May