

# Mull and Iona Community Trust

## Brief Resume of Directors, March 2015

### Member Directors.

Member Directors are elected at our Annual General Meeting each November. Currently they are:

#### Alexander Brunton

Sandy was born and brought up on Mull and after school in Oban left the area to train as a boat builder near Helensburgh then on to Southampton for 5 years for further college and more shipwright work. He returned to Mull 20 years ago to set up and run a village store and has been involved with community groups ever since. These include the village hall, pipe band, chamber of commerce, coastguard (to name a few) and MICT. He has been Treasurer, Vice Convenor and now Convenor. Sandy firmly believes in 'people power' and that any community is only as 'strong' as the people in it make it.

#### Derek Crook

Derek was Head of English at a secondary school in Lincolnshire. He also developed his interest in rare books into a part-time business book scout, finding rare or other requested old books for individuals and institutions. He moved to Mull with his partner in 1985 to run a guest house for twenty four years and a building supplies firm for twelve. He chaired the rebuilding Committee of Fionnphort Village Hall in 1944 and helped to see through a modernisation and rebuild. He is a founder member of Mull and Iona Community Trust and a member of The Organic Association. He has been a Vice-President of Mull and Iona Chamber of Commerce for twelve years. His interests are literary, energy policy, fair trade and community development. He was the first on the Ross of Mull to install a solar panel on his house and ensures that as far as possible his wants are supplied by ethically-minded and financially sound suppliers, from banks to insurers to electricity suppliers, phone services, etc. etc. He chaired the Building Sub-Committee of Mull and Iona Community Trust while that body was developing its Community Enterprise Centre.

#### Babs Whyte

Babs has worked in the sports industry in Mull for over 25 years, as a PE teacher and now PE teacher and part time Active Schools Co-ordinator. She has worked with many clubs and organisations in the community, developing, promoting and supporting many sporting and physical activity projects and events. Babs is passionate about developing and supporting the community in every opportunity to improve the Health and Well-Being of all. She helps recruit and support volunteers in Physical Activity and is also herself an active volunteer.

#### Chris Baker

Chris was brought up in the south of England and then trained as aircraft design engineer, before moving to a boatbuilding company specialising in aerofoil section trimarans. Instrument making. Moved to Mull in '72 setup as engineer, welder hydraulics, electrical work. Mull Little Theatre director for more than 10 years part as chair, Director and founder member of North West Mull Community Woodland Company, board member of Mull car club, MICT director since 1997

#### Maureen Dehaney

Maureen has lived on Mull for 40 years. 16 of those were spent as Estate Secretary for Torosay Estate and a further 18 as a VisitScotland Manager looking after the two Tourist Offices on Mull. She spent 11 years on Mull Community Council, three of which taking on the role of Chairman. She enjoys working with the community to promote new projects and help sustain the standard of living we all enjoy.

### **Andrew Robertson**

Andrew and his family have lived on the Isle of Mull for 14. Andrew currently runs his own Hydraulic and Pneumatic Company with over 25 years experience in the fluid power industry at both manufacturing and distribution level.

He has been a director of MICT for over 3 years and has also been involved in the past with Craignure Village Hall.

### **Carolynne Charrington**

Carolynne has lived at Treshnish Farm for 20 years. They have sheep and cattle and run an award winning sustainable tourism business. ([www.treshnish.co.uk](http://www.treshnish.co.uk)). The farm is carefully managed to enhance wildlife and biodiversity. We utilise small scale renewables (wind/solar/biomass), careful monitoring and energy savings measures to minimise our carbon footprint. Community interests include past Director of Dervaig Hall, involved with setting up Ulva School Community Association (USCA), past Convenor of USCA, and present Holiday Mull & Iona Committee member. I am currently trying to set up a local Carbon Offsetting Scheme to benefit Mull & Iona energy saving/carbon saving projects.

### **Alexa Kershaw**

Alexa first came to Mull in 1997 to study harbour porpoises for her MSc, and has shared her time since then between London, Mull, and travelling overseas. She works as a researcher, guide, campaigner and consultant on a wide variety of marine mammal research projects worldwide. She also spends some time each year working as a project manager. She moved back to Mull permanently in 2014 and is currently renovating the Lighthouse Keepers' Cottage at Rubha nan Gall. She is a member of the Ranger Service Steering Group and the Path and Viewpoints Steering Group.

### **Appointed Directors**

We have two directorships available for the Mull and for the Iona community council to be represented.

#### **Rob MacManaway** (Iona)

Rob has holidaying all his life on Iona and now has part ownership of the Argyll Hotel having moved to the island 3 years ago.

Previously he has worked as a secondary maths teacher, factory worker, outdoor recreation instructor with quad bikes and massage therapist amongst other things.

Currently he is a director for MICT with responsibility to oversee the budget as well as assisting in board decisions generally, and took up this post about 15 months ago. He is also treasurer for the Iona Community Council again in post for about 15 months.

#### **Neal Goldsmith** (Mull)

Neal moved to Mull 3 years ago, having moved here from the South of England. He has been in the hotel industry for 26 years and is now General Manager of the Isle of Mull Hotel overseeing 15 staff during the winter months, swelling to 61 staff during the summer.

Neal is chair of the Mull and Iona Ferry Committee, is a co-opted advisor to the Mull Community Council and is a founder director of Isles of Mull and Iona, set up to promote the produce and products of these islands. Neal has been a director on the Mull and Iona Community Trust board for 1 year and is also on the Ulva Housing and Ulva LDO sub-committees.