



Project manager's update, issued 08 June 2015

As ever it's been a busy few weeks. There is still considerable work being carried out on the contractual and public funding (state aid) side and this is still on course for completion in early August. At that stage we can reveal the name of the company who will be designing, installing and supporting the broadband scheme.

One major milestone completed is the first General Meeting of GigaPlus Argyll and we have now elected the first Board of Directors. All subscribers to GigaPlus Argyll's broadband service will have the option to become members and to have a say in how the company is run.

The Directors are:

Moray Finch (Mull) – Chair
Merlyn Edwards (Craignish) – Vice Chair
Chris Baker (Mull) – Secretary
Bob Cornish (Appin) – Finance
Tony Jeffree (Mull)
Julian Wormleighton (Lismore)

This leaves 3 full Directorships available for representatives from other islands that are covered by GigaPlus Argyll.

In addition to the Directors listed above, the new Board decided that two of the Steering Group's long standing members would be co-opted to the board to act as advisors; these are Ian Nicoll and Jane Menzies both from Mull.

The Steering Group will still operate exactly as it has up until now, and will continue to guide the project to a successful conclusion.

Community consultation has been gaining momentum with update visits taking place on Lismore and Islay, and a very useful meeting has taken place with the Luing Community Council. Within the next few weeks update meetings will take place on Colonsay, the Ross of Mull and Iona.

Registrations to www.gigaplusargyll.co.uk are growing steadily. Registration will enable those interested in the scheme to be kept up to date with progress and to stand the best chance of being included earlier in the rollout of the service.

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