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ISLE OF GIGHA HOTEL

The selection process for the appointment of a new Isle of Gigha Hotel manager has now concluded following second stage interviews and the Trust Board are delighted to have appointed John and Janette McKie to the positions of Hotel Manager (John) and Assistant Manager (Janette).

- BACKGROUND

Both have worked in the hospitality sector for 30 years including managing their own restaurants and pubs. Most recently they ran a small hotel/tavern in Renfrewshire which received very good reviews during the time they managed it. The interview panel was impressed with the couple's approachable and friendly personalities and the level of experience of running hospitality businesses. John clearly understood the requirements of running a business like the Gigha Hotel in a small community and had prepared realistic financial projections. Janette came across as a people person with a very approachable and chatty personality well suited to the front of house assistant manager position. The couple will work closely with IGHT staff in particular with regards to budgets, book-keeping and marketing.

- CONTRACT

The couple will have a standard probationary period of six months with a fixed-term contract of 2 years to begin with. They will live on-site at the hotel at the onset.

- MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE CHANGES

It was originally proposed to appoint just a hotel manager and then follow this by recruiting an assistant/bar manager. However as a result of the interviews it was believed that appointing both John and Janette to these positions would be beneficial for the hotel.

- STARTING DATE

John and Janette plan to be on the island during the week beginning April 20 to start to meet islanders and learn a little more about the island and the Gigha Hotel. Their official start date is currently looking like 4/5th May.

We look forward to welcoming John and Janette to Gigha in the near future and seeing the couple take the Gigha Hotel forward along with our existing (and growing) hotel staff team after what has been a difficult few years.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the existing hotel staff for their flexibility, patience and support in helping us to open the hotel bar last year, and progress to opening the kitchen earlier this year. We greatly appreciate their dedication to the hotel. Special thanks to Anna Lannigan who has done a fantastic job as interim hotel manager and to the IGHT team for their hard work enabling the hotel to reopen.

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