

Arrochar & Tarbet Community Development Trust

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 19th May 2015

1. Welcome, Attendance & Apologies

Attendance

Duncan MacLachlan (Chair) Ronnie MacDonald Colin Adam (Minute Sec)
Ronnie Ross Maria Pollard Lily McKay Betty Clark Sue Henderson (HMG)
Mark Sutcliffe

Apologies

Melanie Tonks

2. Introductions

Duncan introduced Sue Henderson of the Hall Management Group and Mark Sutcliffe to the meeting

3. Previous Minutes & matters arising

The Hall Management Group are going to donate the monies they received after the recent bus crash to the xmas lights fund

The previous minutes were accepted as accurate and true

Proposed by Melanie Tonks Seconded by Ronnie MacDonald

4. Reports

Trust business & Hydro project

A discussion took place about the ATCDT and the HMG. Sue Henderson stated that the HMG are concerned about the ATCDT structure and number of Directors. Sue went on to state that the HMG want to take over the total running of the hall as a separate entity from the ATCDT.

Discussion took place about the lack of toilets, particularly during the weekend when the hall was closed. It was suggested that the hall could be opened at the weekend to help alleviate the problems. Sue stated that there were no staff to open the hall at weekend. Lily asked if the staff shift patterns could not be changed to allow the hall to open at weekends. Sue stated that this would not be practical.

Maria Pollard asked Sue about the recent pay rise that was given to the hall staff and how much they are now being paid. Sue stated that she did not know the exact figure but that it was definitely under £8 per hour.

The discussion moved on to the grounds surrounding the village hall and the planning permission for Arrochar Hotel. Maria was given permission to open up a dialogue with Arrochar Hotel in relation to their developments.

Colin Adam stated that he was concerned about the rumours that are circulating claiming that ATCDT is falling apart and that ATCDT should reassure the community that this is definitely not the case. At this point Colin stated that he could take on the Secretaries role until the AGM if this was agreeable to everyone present. Maria Pollard proposed that Colin becomes the Secretary and it was seconded by Betty Clark, with no objections. Colin also stated that Mark Sutcliffe is considering becoming a Director and taking on the Treasurers role everyone present welcomed Marks offer. Maria stated that she had someone that would also be interested in joining ATCDT and becoming a Director. At the request of Ronnie Ross, Duncan explained the liability and responsibilities of a Director to Mark.

Hydro Project

- a. The planning meeting has again been put on hold as a new planning has been raised. The answers to this question have been submitted
- b. The new company bank account has still not been set up due to delays at the bank
- c. A cheque for £43,000 to Gregor until the new company account has been set up

3 Villages Cafe & Pit Stop

- a. The latest accounts were handed out which showed a turnaround from being £4128 in the red to being £4955 in the black since the new changes to operations and staffing
- b. Maria spoke about the above and the fact that a chef has been employed and the improved appearance of the cafe
- c. Maria raised the issue of lack of toilet facilities and suggestions to address this within the community

- d. Maria spoke about the £5000 that was loaned to the cafe. Colin stated that this had been spent in October last year even before we were informed that the HMG were giving the cafe the loan. He also stated that a further £5000 overdraft was taken out and that a sum of £7,000 had been further added to the existing £10,000. Maria requested that the £5,000 owed to the hall from previous management be paid back in September. Sue Henderson stated that this was acceptable.

HMG

- a. There have been 3 concerts over the period covering a range of musical tastes
- b. It is hoped to get the Mull theatre group back again
- c. The proposal for change review has been put on hold until a new BLF health check is undertaken

GFG

- a. A meeting will be held on 2nd June with Garreth Hoskins relating to the funding application

Community Council

- a. Ronnie Ross stated that the C.C had not received the £700 stationary grant for ATCDT from the National Park

4. AOCB

- a. The cafe is applying for an alcohol license and looking at the possibility of becoming VAT registered due to the increase in turnover
- b. Ronnie MacDonald mention the new pension issues that will be introduced

5. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 16th June at 19:30 in the Village Hall