

ARROCHAR & TARBET COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

DIRECTORS MEETING - THREE VILLAGES HALL

Tuesday 23rd October 2018. 19.30

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

D McLachlan (DMcL) Director
M Cadie (MC) Director
G Paice (GP) Director
R McDonald (RMcD) Director
M Tonks (MT) Director
Cristina Sanchez-Navarro (CSN) Director
Chris Ferguson (CF) Potential Director
L Kennedy (LK) Legal Consultant,

Apologies;

J. Little (JL) Potential Director
L. McKay (Director)

Guests;

Martin Semple
Iain Paterson
Ali Campbell
Rob Durkin
Jaclyn Sparks

Introduction and Welcome to those new members and guests to the meeting. The meeting is going to primarily focus on a possible development of new car parking facilities given the visitor pressure and the attention that this has been gaining. The new increased parking charges have been noted by various organisations and brought up by the media in many different forums.

Declaration of Interest

None

Car Parking

IP had brought a motion to the council to lower car parking charges however this was unsuccessful and the parking charge increase stands. CS stated that these charges are meant to be rolling out across Argyll and Bute.

The Trust has been approached by ACT as they have some spare capacity to aid the trust in a bid to obtain land which can be purchased by community groups.

This issue was presented at the community forum and decided that this should be taken forward by the trust as a joint project with ACT. This would need to be agreed by the Trust directors and with community backing.

A presentation was made to a sub group by Julie from ACT alongside advice from David McGilp from Visit Scotland.

- Outline: Improved visitor services, income for community, sources of sustainable income. A feasibility/business plan would need to be undertaken.
- David McGilp: There are 2 options; leasing/management of existing car parks or another piece of land. This would provide visitor services such as toilet facilities, camper van etc.

CSN had some concern over the wider community thoughts on a proposed area for car park development and we would need to consider this and take a proposal to the community. This is an opportunity for the community to take control of what happens in our village.

IP advised that the council may plan to develop other areas for car parking should they lose the lease of the existing car parks.

DM options would need to be looked at and the possible sources of grant funding. We need to make a decision as a trust as to whether to look at this proposal on our own or in conjunction with ACT.

It was proposed that we should invite ACT along to our next meeting. There were no objections from any directors for this proposal to be looked into further.

Meeting with Argyll and Bute Council

An application is in the process with Just Enterprise for business development support. This will help with business plan/support for any social enterprise. We have had input and advice from DTAS and we will arrange for further training following our AGM. We are looking to recruit new directors and we have a director's information pack available.

CP Gathering

This is taking place this weekend in the Village Hall. They work with all communities around the park. It is still open for registration if anyone wishes to attend.

GDPR Workshop

Lewis attended training regarding GDPR and he will put together a half hour training for the next meeting.

Consideration of Directors

We need to try to attract a range of ages and interests amongst directors. Anyone considering this should make us aware and this can be voted on at the next AGM.

Accounts

The trust and hall accounts are complete and we are awaiting the café accounts to be completed. Heather was looking for an update from Belinda however it was decided that this should all be passed to Heather whether completed or not as this information was required yesterday. A draft is in place for the AGM. Following this we need to get someone else in as a bookkeeper for the café.

People are unaware that the post office provides free banking services. An RBS business advisor will be in contact with us with regards any assistance available for the post office. Speak to the PO for support.

Store

This is being used by the GRAB trust at the moment as a store for litter picking equipment. Any other options would be considered by the trust.

AOCB

There will be a dedication service at the war memorial this weekend at 11am .

AC is looking at improving play facilities and will be looking at putting a sub group together for this.

CSN advised that there will be a beach clean this weekend. There is no longer a monthly beach clean however this equipment is available for anyone in the community to use at any time. We need to look at how this can be signed out in the future and get work out to the community regarding this.

There will be a children's Halloween party this Sunday, 3-5 in the hall.

Close of meeting.

Next Trust Meeting: Tuesday 20th November 2018