

ARROCHAR & TARBET COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

DIRECTORS MEETING - THREE VILLAGES HALL

Thursday 28th July 2016 at 19:00

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

S Henderson (SH) Hall Representative;

Lewis Kennedy (LK) Legal Consultant

R McDonald (RMc) Director;

D McLachlan (D McL) Director;

R Ross (RR) Community Council Representative

M Sutcliffe (MS) Chairperson

Apologies: C Adam (CA) Director; M Tonks (MT) Director; M Pollard (MP) Director;

Please note as there was not a quorum of Directors present it was agreed that the following notes will not be considered 'formal' and are provided to all to give an overview of the discussions that were held, there were no significant decisions or actions taken at this meeting.

It was raised if anyone new about the situation with Betty given that her health has precluded her attendance at a number of meetings this year. There was an action to approach Betty to see if she still had the appetite to continue being a Trust Director.

1. Previous minutes – Not agreed

RR requested his name be removed from the previous minutes and queried why his comments were not included. RR also queried why SH comments were not included.

RR suggested that both sets of minutes could not be agreed as these items were omitted and suggested with agreement from LK that the minutes be reinstated as drafts for approval.

Duncan, how do I deal with this... Sue's comments were about the Questionnaire which is not yet been drafted formally...work to do...We may need to entertain RR comments...I'll need to review them again and include in a rewritten set of minutes to be circulated at before the meeting..at least the discussion regarding inclusion or omission can be had at the table.

RR questioned the gathering of Directors to 'Resolve a problem' – he received notification from the spouse of another Director, RR wondered if there were any minutes taken from these exchanges. DMcL suggested that there are occasions when the Directors will meet to discuss business that is not always documented; there are many conversations and gathering that do not require the minuting of the activities taken, if this were to be the norm there would be considerable amounts of information to be written up and shared.

The attendees attempted to go through the actions and agenda items, again without making any formal decisions or agreements.

2. Progress Reports

Action Items

One aspect that was raised was the Trust's stance on social media and the (potentially) inappropriate sharing of information via various social media outlets. LK offered to draft a social media policy to assist the Trust in this matter.

Accounts

Trust

MS advised the group that there were ongoing issues with the Trust signatories and his ability to obtain access to the account information. The statements are still being sent to the previous Treasurers home address despite the efforts of DMcL to resolve this.

It was suggested that the Treasurer engage with Heather to discuss the accounts in preparation for the AGM.

Hall

Hall accounts are finalised by Heather for 2015/2016

HMG are looking at the contract for the underfloor heating (Macleod's have been approached)

DMcL advised it might be worth considering the Car Park underground heating too.

SH identified that there was interest in a new dance class starting, that the children's events during the summer were good. The Family Heart Start event had to be cancelled due to poor interest show and there was going to be a charity car boot sale to be held on 20/07/2016.

Café

DMcL provided analysis of the years activities which showed promise. It was discussed that consideration needs to be given to the future of the Café and praise should be given to Mel and the team of the sterling effort they have provided in getting the Café to where it is today.

RR raised a query regarding the proposed use of the Café to support the rehousing of the Post Office – how would the enterprise function if the café were to close during the winter months.

DMcI responded that the option was only being considered at that stage and a consultation process had to be arranged which would include many items for consideration.

Colin was requested to provide the documents pertaining to the PO option to Lewis for review.

Miscellaneous

Hotel development plans for next to the Arrochar Hotel have been approved.

Hydro scheme – DMcI provided information regarding some potential development opportunities with 2 Ethical investment companies showing interest in taking up the project which will provide some income for the local community. The discussions need to include Luss Estates in order for any solution to be entertained.

In these discussions there needs to be clear understanding that any suitor needs to consider the involvement of local community development.

There was some discussion regarding the Hydro scheme becoming a separate Trust.

DMcI suggested that there was some challenges to the received costs of the scheme development to date.

3. Park and Community Partnership

RMcD suggested that the Park is not going to receive any further monies from the Leader scheme and that it is anticipated that there are approximately 2 years of funds left (Community Action Plans are 90% funded)

In terms of the Leader program there are some changes in the structure and emphasis is shifting to Agriculture and Tourism projects; there are 39 projects in Argyll and Bute and 22 projects in the Forth Valley.

4. Community Council

RR communicated that the BAR project planning had lapsed.

The Helensburgh and Lomond Development Action Plan did not include any local planning projects. There is £5million development fund (George Osbourne) earmarked for regeneration anything of benefit/projects.

Next meeting scheduled for 1930 on 30/7/2016