

Arrochar & Tarbet Community Development Trust

Minutes of meeting held 16th May 2017

Present

Duncan MacLachlan, Mark Sutcliffe, Colin Adam, Lily McKay, Ronnie MacDonald, Lewis Kennedy Mhairi Cadie, Ellen Greenwood, Phil, Gordon Paice

Apologies

Melanie Tonks, Maria Pollard

Previous minutes proposed by Colin Adam and seconded by Ronnie MacDonald

1. Trust Matters

Mark reported that the DTAS membership had been paid

2. Three Villages Hall

At the recent steering group meeting Gill raised the fact that Stephen is overloaded with work and will need some support.

No financial update is available as the accountant is updating sage and finalising the end of year accounts.

Sue Henderson has resigned from the HMG and a vote of thanks was noted for all her hard work.

A discussion followed on the structure and terms of reference of the HMG and the way forward

3. Café & Pit Stop

Figures for March were reported as follows

Income £11,221.19

Expenditure £11,720.55

Cash in Bank £13175.34

Staffing remains an issue and an advert has been placed on Facebook for a full time cook and Post Office counter assistant. Concern was again raised about the number of hours Melanie and Belinda are working. Belinda has agreed to take on a managers role and take some off the work load off Melanie.

Wifi equipment has arrived and will soon be installed, giving customers free wifi access

4. National Park

The structure of the Park Board will be changing due to the recent election results.

James Stewart, convenor of the Park Board is giving a talk about the way forward for the park and surrounding communities at a meeting on the 17th of May in the Loch Goil Head village hall.

5. Community Council

Ellen spoke about 3 projects that are ongoing.

1. The war memorial work has started
2. Planning permissions for the pontoon project is ongoing with thought of it being removed from the water during winter months for cleaning and maintenance.
3. Discussions with the Council are ongoing in relation to the head of the loch viewpoint and land ownership

5. Events Committee

Lily gave a report on the latest event which was very successful. 94 tickets were sold raising £324, the raffle raised £84 and the bar took in £664.46.

A discussion took place about the bar set up and where the monies raised from events should go. It was agreed by all present that the money should go directly to the hall.

Colin raised the issue of lack of Hi-ball tumblers and was told to ask Stephen MacKenzie to source and purchase them.

6. Hydro Project

Duncan reported that the lease agreement is still being worked on by both sets of lawyers and that in general the project is progressing well but it is still dependant on the lease being finalised and agreed by Luss Estates. If all goes to plan equipment & machinery can be on the hill by 1st of August

7. AOCB

Mhari informed us that the play group had secured a tennis coach who will run a trial session of one hour per day for five days starting 26th of June. There is a concern that if numbers attending are not sufficient there would be a shortfall in monies raised and the play group would struggle to pay the hall hire. All present agreed that the trust would pay

any shortfall thus ensuring that the sessions went ahead. Mhairi also stated that they have 20 children very keen to start gymnastics but the group were unable to find a gymnastics coach who would travel to Arrochar. It was agreed to look further into this and activities for the children in general.

Mhairi also asked if the trust would support a nature trail sculpture project by a local artist. All present agreed that the trust should support this and Mhairi can take it forward.

Colin asked for clarity on the monthly pensioners meals that are provided and after a short discussion it was agreed by all that the Café will donate the food and the hall will donate the room space and that there will be no charge to pensioners for their meal. Both hall and café will keep records of their donations to this to be recorded in their annual accounts.

Mark raised the point of the Trust paying for room hire for trust meeting and suggested that the trust should pay for room hire possibly in a lump sum each year. All present agreed to this.

Mark spoke about an idea he has on 5 commitments the trust could make, they are as follows;

1. Make news- let the community know what the trust is doing and is planning
2. Give back to the community
3. Improve communications
4. Projects – engage more with the community to find out what they want
5. Celebrate- give thanks to the volunteers and celebrate our successes

Mark asked us all to think about these and feed back to him any thoughts /suggestions. Ellen suggested that trust directors could be at the coffee mornings and have a chat with people to seek their thoughts etc.

8. Election of Office Bearers

The following were elected to serve as office bearers by those present

Mark Sutcliffe – Chair

Mhairi Kelly – Treasurer

Colin Adam – Secretary

Mark spoke about each director taking on a role thus spreading the work load, ideas for various roles were briefly discussed with suggestions to be brought to the next meeting.

Date of next meeting is Tuesday 13th June @ 19:30