

The Glendale Trust

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Wednesday 5th February 2020, 19:30
Glendale Community Hall

Present:

Clare Gray	Brian Smith	Andrew Kiss	
Nigel Redfern	Dave Atherton	Angie Atherton	Sarah Wiggins
Alex Kozikowski*	Diana Kozikowska	Lachlan Canning*	Alexander Macphee*
Dominic Houlder	Lisa Coughlin	+1 TBC (Ms. Coughlin?)*	

Apologies:

None

*Non-members

Adoption of minutes

Minutes from 25-Jan-2020 accepted.

Matters Arising

1. Election of Office Bearers

- a. Chair: Clare Gray
- b. Treasurer: Brian Smith
- c. Secretary: Andrew Kiss (co-opted)

2. Proposal to tender for Accountancy Services

- a. AK stated a potential conflict of interest as his son-in-law is an accountant on Skye
- b. NR suggested least expensive may not be best. AK explained a set of criteria would be laid down, including, but not exclusively, chartered status, specific submissions, Quickbooks training for BS and on-line/telephone support
- c. A minimum of 3 quotes will be sought.

3. GDPR/Privacy Policy

- a. Drafted - to be circulated

4. Membership

- a. NR stated the means by which the new membership was determined was counter to the Trust's articles and created disenfranchisement of the community. He went on to suggest the whole Trust catchment be sent a membership mailshot. NR also suggested that Philippa at Dunvegan post office might engage the (paid?) services of the postmen in delivering the mailshot. NR also suggested he, with other volunteers, could hand-deliver if required.
- b. Clare responded saying that the Trust did not hold a register of members as required by the Company's Act 2006. The list she used was the membership list given to the new directors by a previous director, who himself had used it to inform members of meetings and events. Emails were not sent to individuals on the list with no associated name, who had died or who were known to have left the area and had not applied for associate membership. It is regrettable that a small number of emails were returned as undelivered or spam and that some people overlooked it.

5. Borrodale

- a. Council Tax: As minuted at meeting of 21st October 2019; The Trust has a Council Tax liability of £13,179.69 backdated to February 2015
- b. CG reported that she conveyed the decision of the members at the meeting on 25th January 2020 to Highland Small Communities Housing Trust (HSCHT) that members felt that the building was a liability not an asset, they did not want the responsibility of managing and maintaining it, nor did they want the burden of servicing loans of indeterminate amounts and regrettably the only decision left was to sell it. HSCHT has responded with a proposal to lease the site so that they could obtain supplementary finance to sit alongside the funding package, and relieve us of that debt. Concern received from those present: “might attract *the wrong sort of people*” “*people from Glasgow*”. Other suggestions included a community centre with exhibition space, and toilet, shower and laundrette facilities. CG replied that >£700k of public money was given to Glendale for a hall and that was the community hub and must be supported. The fact that the hall exists would negate any funding application for a duplicated facility. CG shared HSCHT tenant eligibility criteria.
- c. SLF has advised that the Trust cannot bank proceeds of any sale.
- d. Discussion on addressing Council Tax issue
 - i. Willie MacKinnon (WM, Ward Manager, Eilean a’ Cheò, Ward 10) emailed to say that the exemptions are all around legal status that are outwith the Council's control. He sent a form which may help reduce the outstanding bills if the Trust is eligible and he suggested The Trust contact the Operations Team which should be able to assist in determining if The Trust is eligible. WM asked HC to put a hold on the outstanding invoices, which should stop any debt recovery by Scott & Co.
 - ii. Contact DTAS Scotland for legal advice (CG).
 - iii. Suggestions from floor to have WHFP on-site, ‘hounded by local authority’. NR commented: “A strong story is needed.”.
 - iv. HC senior official to be invited? + WM
 - v. NF suggested the Trust’s predicament could be used as the basis for a TV opportunity.
 - vi. Demolish schoolhouse (removes ongoing council tax liability)

6. Date of next meeting

- Saturday 14th March 15:00

The Chair thanked the members for their attendance; meeting closed