

The Glendale Trust

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MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Monday 21st October 2019 at 20:00

Meeting held at Clare Gray's house

Present: Tim Davies (TD); Clare Gray (CG); Graham Davies (GD); Andrew Kiss (AK); Brian Smith (BS)

1) **APOLOGIES** – None

2) **MATTERS ARISING**

A. Office Bearers and Meetings

A.1. TD stated that, due to excessive pressures of work, he is standing down as chair. TD wishes to continue as a director with 'as-and-when-available' involvement. TD stated he would stay on after the AGM to keep The Trust quorate. *n.b. see A.2. With BS available this should not be required*

A.2. CG welcomed Brian Smith on board as a Trust director. This is a reciprocal arrangement where CG will join the Community Council, with the aim of an improved working relationship between the two organisations.

A.3. The AGM will take place on Monday 18th November 2019 @ 19:00 in the Glendale Community Hall. Notices to be posted (CG). A directors' meeting will be convened shortly before the AGM (TD)

B. Meanish Pier

B.1. CG stated that the Meanish Pier project has stalled pending the Crown Estate's (Bidwell's) completing the transfer of the land ownership to The Trust (CG)

B.2. Instead of paying the previously agreed £12k for the first two year period (starting April 2019), Stuart Cannon of Kames, has proposed the necessary slipway work is carried out at his cost by his engineering team. The slipway work represents a much higher market value than the rent; initial comments favour the work over the funds.

B.3. BS will try to find out which Scottish Government department manages the Crown Estates; with the aim of bringing pressure to bear.

B.4. Following instances of motorhome waste cartridge emptying on and into the sea around the pier area, as well as altercations between local residents and visiting motorhome owners, the Board agreed to erect new signage stating 'Private land, no overnight parking permitted. The Glendale Trust'. BS to measure, AK to fabricate.

B.5. A local resident has indicated a wish to use one of the deep water mooring trots: to be invited to the next Board meeting (BS)

C. Borrodale School.

- C.1. Highland Small Communities Housing Trust has received funding for, and is now undertaking, a feasibility study on the school. It has now been stated that a renovation of the school building is commercially infeasible due to the deterioration in the structure's integrity. The study is based on one/two person housing units being created from the schoolhouse and school and two three-bed, semi-detached, houses being erected in the area currently occupied by the demountable classroom. Expressions of interest have already been shown, there is demonstrable local demand; The Trust encourages anyone with an interest to contact HSCHT. A set of keys will be loaned to HSCHT to facilitate regular access during the study period.
- C.2. As part of the study a timber preservation inspection is required. Cost is £463+VAT (John Morrison Timber Preservation Ltd), and will be met from the study funding
- C.3. In line with its insurance stipulations, it was confirmed that the school is receiving regular visits.
- C.4. Following initial demands from Highland Council (HC), the Trust has now received demands for Council Tax and Water services for Borrodale School covering the period 26-Feb-2015 – 31-Mar-2020 totalling £13,179.69; see breakdown, below. Because the school is deemed 'long term uninhabited' by HC the tax has been increased by 200%. Water services to be challenged as The Trust already has a water rates exemption from Business Stream.

Period		Amount
From	To	£
26-Feb-15	31-Mar-15	126.04
01-Apr-15	31-Mar-16	2,519.14
01-Apr-16	31-Mar-17	2,522.20
01-Apr-17	31-Mar-18	2,595.04
01-Apr-18	31-Mar-19	2,670.05
01-Apr-19	31-Mar-20	2,747.22
		13,179.69

- C.5. HC has already been approached by The Trust. (04-Oct) seeking a full exemption; HC's reply is overdue (AK).
- C.6. EDF continues to send 'random' billing to The Trust, despite EDF's confirmation that all three accounts are at zero. AK to phone EDF

D. Accounts

- D.1. Bank balance @ 30-Sep-2019 = £14,050.80
- D.2. Bill for £100 for pier land lease from Crown Estates (Bidwells) – Paid
- D.3. R.Crorie to be paid for domain name retention
- D.4. The Trust has been approached, by Lisa Coughlin, for a donation towards a children's Halloween party in the community hall. Agreed to donate £250.

3) **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- a) To be advised - TD