

The Glendale Trust
Directors' Meeting
28th February 2022 at 18:30
Via Zoom
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Clare Gray, Andrew Kiss, Brian Smith, Graham Davies,

Also Present: Mike Hyatt, Landscape Architect, Skye Cycle Network (SCN)

Apologies: None

Adoption of previous minutes

Proposed: Andrew Kiss

Seconded: Graham Davies

Skye Cycle Network

Mike Hyatt, Landscape Architect working with Skye Cycle Network (SCN) joined the meeting to discuss the proposed 6 routes for Glendale which were discussed last year. Each community in the project will need to go through an exercise of prioritising what they want to see developed first. The prioritisation will be carried out using a multi criteria analysis approach to give the decisions the objective basis, needed for approaching funders.

Finance

Balance at bank: £69250.03. £47840.40 of this is ringfenced for Phase 1 of the Borrodale School Buildings works.

This year's accounts have been sent to The Trust's accountants, CSM, for auditing.

CSM has completed the necessary form and written a covering letter for us to send to HMRC, to repay the VAT incorrectly claimed some years ago.

Borrodale School Buildings

The Glendale Trust, in partnership with the Communities Housing Trust, have secured £47840.40 from the Scottish Government through their Inspiring Scotland Rural Communities in Action Fund. CG and other recipients attended a Teams meeting with Inspiring Scotland for training on the administrative and reporting aspects of the grant. CG has had several meetings at the school this month. These include visits by the architect, Ollie Blair, Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association and

various engineers investigating power, drainage, structure, access, renewable energy sources and plans. The Design Team met on the 16th February and Joe Gribben, Project Manager reported that:

- The architect has finished taking all the measurements of the existing buildings and is now drawing the plans.
- Engineers are now working on the power and drainage and will carry out CCTC survey of the drains. An asbestos check of the Portacabin confirmed there was none.
- An Ecologist has been instructed to inspect the building and surrounding area for bats and should be in the school on 2nd March
- Nicola McKenzie and Ronnie MacRae (CHT) are working on the educational aspects of the project – discussing apprenticeships, courses, upskilling and training with a number of contractors and UHI

Enabling works:

- A scaffolding company from Portree has erected 2 scaffolding towers inside the school to make access to the roof space easier.
- Historic Environment Scotland will fund repairs to the stonework and the temporary repairs to the roof.
- Local stonemasons are interested in working on the gable end of the schoolhouse. This involves stripping off the render and repointing the stonework inside and out with lime mortar. CHT will work around their availability.
- CHT will employ a local person to start stripping out the inside of the buildings.

The CHT will give a presentation to the community in the hall as soon as plans are ready, hopefully in April. They have instructed Ollie to also make a 3D model of the proposed development for us to look at.

The project is on schedule and currently under budget, some works budgeted for are not needed at present.

We will sign the agreement to lease the buildings to the CHT for 30 years, when this phase of the work is complete, and the funding is secured for the full restoration.

Path to the Play Park.

CG wrote to Dr Caroline Gould of the Skye and Lochalsh Local Access group for advice on making the path as accessible as possible. Dr Gould advised that it should be 1.8m wide to accommodate 2 motorised wheelchairs passing each other. CG contacted the owner of the land adjacent to the proposed path directly and through Remax to discuss buying a 2m strip to make the path wider, but to date there has been no reply. Mark Harvey Planning Officer has confirmed that as the Trust is considering leasing the play park from HC, this path would come under permitted development and would not need planning permission. CG is in discussion with Mark Harvey about a solution to the steps down at the park. Dr Gould suggested a zigzag path with railings to give a gradient of 1 in 20. Alternatively, the slope of path could start 30m back negating the need for the zigzags. 2 contractors have been asked to quote for the work, as we may need to apply for extra funds.

CG is contributing to a project run by Naomi Masson of DTAS which will collate a number of stories of how communities went about enabling transport projects. These will be available on DTAS website for other groups to benefit from.

Meanish Pier.

Crown Estate Scotland contacted the Trust to inform that they had made a mistake with the map of the area we lease from them. Their solicitor is now correcting the error and will issue a Minute of Variation for our solicitor to check, at no cost to The Trust. There is no value in pursuing the lease with Kames Fish Farm until it's resolved.

Arrangements for AGM

This year's AGM will be on 12th April 2022 at 7pm in Glendale Community Hall. Dominic Holder has kindly offered to setup his camera and projector to allow us to hold it in person and on Zoom. Brian Smith will stand down this year as he now lives on Lewis, and we are grateful to him for staying on, enabling us to work to resolve the school and pier projects. We need another director to replace him. The work is not onerous now that the Pier and School projects are almost complete. The only other 'live' project now is our involvement in the Skye Cycle Network. If anyone feels they could help, please get in touch. It would be a great shame if the Trust was wound up and the assets and the income stream had to be offered to another Community Development Trust to use for the benefit of their community.

AK to place adverts and prepare paperwork.

The chair thanked those attending and the meeting closed at 19:45

Date of next meeting AGM 12th April 2022 at 7pm in the hall and by Zoom.