

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STRATHERRICK AND FOYERS COMMUNITY TRUST HELD AT WILDSIDE CENTRE, WHITEBRIDGE AND MS TEAMS AT 7.00 p.m. ON WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2021

Present	Frank Ellam (FE), Russell Bain (RB), Chris Gehrke (CG), Kirsty Balfour (KB), Lorraine Lewis (LL), Catriona Fraser (CNF), Gareth Jones (GJ), Jillian Barclay (JB)
Apologies	Chris Finlay (CF)
Chair	Kirsty Balfour (KB)
In Attendance	Tony Foster (TF), Laura Walker-Knowles (LWK), Carlene Vincent (CV), Sir Frederick Hervey-Bathurst, Robert Butcher
Non-attendance	-
Minutes	Laura Walker-Knowles (LWK)
Declarations of interest:	KB and JB declared an interest in Baby and Toddler Grant Application.

PRESENTATION – CLARENDON INVESTMENTS LIMITED

The Directors welcomed Sir Frederick to the meeting. Sir Frederick advised the Board on the performance of the Trust's current investments and potential future investments.

Sir Frederick gave an overview of the potential to invest in biotechnology. To broaden the areas of potential investment Sir Frederick suggested an amendment to the Trust's Investment Policy to include the ability to invest in ethical and green investments.

Robert took the Board through the fund performance figures.

The Board discussed if investment in renewable energy investment was permissible under SSE rules. It was noted any update to Trust Investment and Financial Policies would be passed on to SSE with the annual report.

7.45 p.m. Frank left the meeting.

A. INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Chris Finlay.

Matters Arising

The Board went through matters arising from the minutes of the October meeting.

The banking login issue is unresolved and carried forward by CNF and CV.

The War Memorial booklet availability will be considered further once produced and how to include the information on the Memorial.

TF has passed on to Marianne at SSE, the Trust's concerns in relation to late receipt of payments.

Larger bins are now at Wildside.

In relation to the usage report of the Petanque Court this has been requested.

CT is compiling a list of funders for the potential playpark.

Broadband customer information will be circulated when applicable. CV had circulated the total value invested in the Broadband project prior to the meeting.

The Community Action Plan (CAP) has been circulated and Board and staff have attended update meetings.

8.23 p.m. Frank Ellam returned to the meeting.

The Board discussed and updated the list of potential Directors to approach in the community. The Board noted no nominations had been received and the deadline is 10 November 2021.

CV had circulated information in relation to the Amazon Business account and requested an agenda item next month in relation to this and delegated authorities.

An updated had been circulated to the petitioners in relation to the fire alarms.

TF had revised the advert for cleaning staff but there were still no applicants and a discussions is ongoing with a local company.

The Board discussed the mould issue at the Hall and Wildside has been offered to the Hall Committee for any displaced groups. The Board agreed in principle to the hire of a dehumidifier for the Hall.

Action: Further discussion re solutions with the Hall Committee – TF/Mark Henderson

Action: Finance agenda item re delegated authorities - LWK

B. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING – 6 OCTOBER 2021

RB **PROPOSED** and JB **SECONDED** and the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2021 were **AGREED** as a correct record without any further amendment and **APPROVED** and signed by the Chair.

C. FINANCE

The Board noted the circulated report and accounts and CV briefly ran through the management accounts and cash flow.

Action: Budgets for agenda December – CV/LWK

D. GRANTS**(a) Non-Constituted Grant Application**

(i) Applicant: Baby and Toddler Group

Amount applied for: £978.00

Purpose of grant: To provide a programme of activities and events for the next twelve months for the benefit of the children attending the group.

The Board **APPROVED** the grant in the sum of **£938.00**.

Additional condition: Refund/offset the unspent Covid19 microgrant received earlier in the year. Further applications to include Stronelairg fund.

Fund: Glendoe

(b) Constituted Grant Application

(ii) Applicant: Stratherrick Hall Committee

Amount applied for: £5,672.00

Purpose of grant: Additional roof repairs to prevent further deterioration.

The Board **APPROVED** the grant in the sum of **£5,672.00**

Fund: Stronelairg

E. AGM

The Board ran through the volunteer list for the evening of the AGM and assigned duties. Should a second vote be required the ballot paper will be via post for virtual attendees.

The Board discussed the updates at the AGM and Directors will talk for short times slot on individual projects. Directors discussed the technical set up of a

rolling PowerPoint in the background and noted this could not run with the virtual attendees.

F. MONTHLY UPDATES

Trust Manager Report

The Board noted the circulated report.

For the volunteer event the Board noted the cost is up to a maximum of £1,000 (however it is likely to be around half this amount). Alcohol will be purchased locally on sale or return. The Board **APPROVED** the spend from the event's budget.

The CAP document runs to 92 pages at a cost of up to £3,000 and the Board **APPROVED** printed copies for the community.

The Pulse Survey will be circulated to members on 5 November 2021. The survey is a series of questions that members can answer, which will give the Trust feedback on how the Trust is performing, across all areas, in the eyes of the community. It is proposed to take 'The Pulse' each year and measure performance.

SSE previously requested that the Trust undertake an audit procedure, carried out by a suitable agency. SSE are no longer requesting this action, but TF explained to the Board how this process could be helpful to the organisation going forward and asked the Board to consider the benefits of a desk-top survey or in-depth survey.

Action: Read and revert to TF on desktop or in-depth survey – Directors.

G. QUARTERLY UPDATES

Foyers Bay

LL reported the site investigation had been finalised and the specific design was in progress. Once drafted there will be a Board discussion and a Steering Group discussion. It is hoped it will then move on to Planning.

H. COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

Directors and staff had attended dedicated meetings in relation to the CAP.

The next steps include the final version of the CAP later this week along with a shortened version for the newsletter.

The Board noted the team had done a lot of work on this with Nick, challenging him and producing good visuals. The intention is to launch at an event on 19

November, followed by the working document mailed out to the community. It is expected Community Action Groups will form from this and on the launch night individuals can say which groups they want to be part of.

The Pulse Survey will highlight negative individuals and give them a chance to discuss why with the Trust. It will also ask if anyone would like to contribute further to the projects the Trust has underway.

I. AOCB

Winter Wonderland

Director volunteers are requested for the event. TF will be in attendance for the duration of the event.

Action: Volunteers to e mail JB and CT - Directors

The Board discussed dismantling the Marquee for winter.

Action: Speak to MH re de-canvassing the marquee for winter - TF

Stratherrick Primary School Parent Council

The Board noted a grant for transport to swimming lessons was expected for allocation for assessment.

Student Grant Thanks

The Board noted Peter Faye’s thanks for the recent student grant award.

J. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting 24 November 2021, 7 p.m. AGM, Zoom/Wildside Centre
1 December 2021, 7 p.m. MS Teams/Wildside Centre

The meeting closed at 9.47 p.m.

Signed as a correct record of the meeting

Signed
Chair (Kirsty Balfour)

Date