

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust

Minutes of meeting held on 23rd. January 2013

1. Apologies. There were none.
2. Approval of minutes of meeting held on 12 December 2012. Moved by W. Fraser seconded by J. Sharpe.
3. Matters arising. These were covered in the subsequent items.
4. Applications.

Double glazing Gorthleck. The applicant attended the meeting and clarified points in his application form and was duly awarded 50% of the lowest tender of £1210 for two windows.

School pupil's educational trip to Gambia. It was agreed to award £250 requested towards the total cost of £1200 specifically for the additional cost of inoculations.

Establishment of local Rainbow, Brownie and Guide group. It was agreed to award a total of £1450 towards the setting up costs.

South Loch Ness Nursery. The costs were discussed with the applicant and the Trust was informed that the grant sought from Highland Council has been awarded and the labour element of the painting work would now be carried out by the organisers. This would effectively bridge the funding gap however Directors were concerned that there did not appear to be any security of tenure for the group and the potential to recover any investment in the premises. The applicant was also advised to seek support from their landlords HIE towards the maintenance requirements under their lease.

5. Correspondence. A letter had been received from a member of the community who had not been aware of the possibility of a grant towards a wood burning stove. It was agreed that there was a need to update

and consolidate the energy efficiency grants which are available and make that known within the area.

6. Appointment of a new Secretary. Three very able candidates were interviewed by all of the Directors and Fiona Ambrose was duly selected for the post subject to checking on references.
7. Publication of Directors addresses. It was agreed that there was no problem with providing an update of names and addresses but it was strongly felt that e mail details should be withheld following the tenor of recent communications from a member of the public.
8. Data Protection Act. The Treasurer will research cover for the Trust.
9. Redraft of Constitution. It was agreed to invite the members of the Community Council to the next Trust meeting on the 7th. of February in order to discuss the matter.
10. A.G.M. This will now take place on Wednesday the 27 th. at 7.30 p.m. in Gorthleck hall.
11. Advertisement for the meeting. The Secretary undertook to do this in the Inverness Courier and on the local notice boards. It was agreed that the notice should also invite new Director applications and that the following qualities would be welcome.
Someone between 16 and 20 years of age.
Experience in governance.
Engineering/green renewables.
Finance and investment.
Environmental matters.
The applicants would be selected at a later meeting following the A.G.M.
12. Funds. The Trust currently has £74,236 and £33,000 approximately still held by the Scottish Community Foundation and to be passed on by SSE who are currently agreeing a new minute of understanding with the

Secretary. The Dunmaglass agreement has now been signed and the first payment of £100,000 in respect of the road disturbance will be due as soon as work starts at the end of this month. The remainder taking the form of annual payments of £66,000 p.a. will commence following completion of the wind farm.

A. Sutherland. (Secretary)