



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STRATHERRICK AND FOYERS COMMUNITY TRUST HELD VIA ZOOM AT 7.00 pm ON THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2020

Present Frank Ellam (FE), Russell Bain (RB), Jillian Barclay (JB), Chris Finlay (CF), Kirsty Balfour (KB), Gillian McIntyre (GM), Lorraine Lewis (LL)

Apologies None

Chair Frank Ellam (FE)

In Attendance Laura Walker-Knowles (LWK)

Declarations of interest Chris Finlay and Russell Bain declared an interest in **SOSA19 Constituted Group Grant Application**. Chris Finlay declared an interest in **Chris Finlay Energy Saving Grant Application**. Lorraine Lewis declared an interest in **SFCC Constituted Group Grant Application**. Gillian McIntyre declared an interest in the **Wellbeing Group Constituted Group Grant Application**.

1. INTRODUCTION

It was agreed that FE would take the Chair for this meeting. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Board noted resignations had been received from Zoe Iliffe, Olaf Olsen and Margaret Cormack. The Chair noted the Board was quorate.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 MARCH 2020

GM **PROPOSED** and RB **SECONDED** and the Minutes of Meeting held on 4 March 2020 were **AGREED** as a correct record without any further amendment and **APPROVED** and signed by the Chair.

Actions points from the minutes had previously been circulated and all points in progress.

3. FINANCE

FE did not anticipate any change to the figures circulated in the finance report. Any additional direct debits from the end of the month will be included with next month's invoices. FE has calculated the cash flow forecast over the remaining months of the financial year

and noted it was likely the Trust will not spend the budgeted figures on legacy projects. Any unspent budget will be added to the following year's budget.

The Trust require additional bank signatories and CF and RB volunteered.

CF asked if any of the Trust's expected income would be affected by the current Covid-19 pandemic and FE did not expect it to however it may put back any construction work planned during 2020, which in turn may delay the start of any new projects. None of the Trust funders have said they anticipate cutting back on community benefit payments.

4. CONSTITUTED GRANT GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FORM

The Board noted the amendment to the guidelines and grant handbook for constituted groups to include a request for group's AGM minutes had been done.

Action: Upload amended forms - LWK

5. (a) SUMMER EVENT

The Board noted the summer event was cancelled.

(b) FACEBOOK

The Board noted Karla Stewart's PowerPoint presentation and **AGREED** the creation of a Trust Facebook group to include notices and links to the Trust website, no public comments would be allowed. JB and KB are happy to administer the group. The Board **APPROVED** the creation of the Facebook group.

Action: Create Facebook group – KB/JB.

6. GRANT APPLICATIONS

STUDENT

Hannah Burgess

Amount applied for: £500

Purpose of grant: Student expenses

The Board **APPROVED** the grant in the sum of **£500**.

Fund: Glendoe

Deanne Main

Amount applied for: £190

Purpose of grant: Course expenses

The Board **APPROVED** the grant in the sum of **£95**

Fund: Glendoe

CF left the meeting via Zoom mute for the next item.

ENERGY SAVING

Chris Finlay

Amount applied for: £500

Purpose of grant: Insulation to walls and sloping areas.

The Board **APPROVED** the grant in the sum of **£500.**

Fund: Glendoe

CF returned to the meeting via Zoom unmute.

Julie Murray

Amount applied for: £339.16

Purpose of grant: Insulation.

The Board **APPROVED** the grant in the sum of **£339.16.**

Fund: Glendoe

Alan Sutherland

Amount applied for: £500

Purpose of grant: Loft insulation.

The Board **APPROVED** the grant in the sum of **£500.**

Fund: Glendoe

Johanna Schuster

Amount applied for: £500

Purpose of grant: Draught-proofing.

The Board **APPROVED** the grant in the sum of **£500**.

Fund: Glendoe

LL left the meeting via Zoom mute for the next item.

CONSTITUTED GROUP

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council

Total Project Cost: £18,112.72

Amount applied for: £18,112.72

The board noted that the Highland Council grant to SFCC was now just £361.00.

Purpose of grant: Ongoing cost for public toilets and associated costs at Foyers; the running costs of the Community Council including administrator costs; play park rental costs and costs of removing equipment and reinstating land; de-fib maintenance, memorial wreath, Christmas trees and lights.

The Board **APPROVED** the grant in the sum of **£18,112.72** with £5,700 retained by the Trust to be called off if and when needed.

Fund: Corriegarh

LL returned to the meeting via Zoom unmute.

GM left the meeting via Zoom mute for the next item.

Wellbeing Group

Total Project Cost: £12,260.00

Amount applied for: £12,260.00

Purpose of grant: Sound therapy courses x 2, new yoga mats x 10; yoga instructor; mindfulness instructor, monthly follow ups, silent days and movement and meditation class.

The Board noted the group has been running for two years, with three to seven attending from the area. The assessing Directors had been provided with up to date figures. The Board also noted there would be an increase of £1.00 on attendance fees (new fee £2.00).

The Board **APPROVED** the grant in the sum of **£12,260.00** with the grant withheld subject to receipt of a completion report for the current

year and continued advertising to get as many to attend along with the increase from £1.00 to £2.00 to generate more of an income.

Fund: Corriegarth

GM returned to the meeting via Zoom unmute.

CF and RB left the meeting via Zoom mute for the next item.

Strathgorfroybridge Outdoor Sporting Association (SOSA2019)

Total Project Cost: £4,262.00

Amount applied for: £3,402.00

Purpose of grant: Sea kayaking, navigation/orienteering course, beginners' archery, outdoor first aid course, fund to assist with open day, stationery, printing and sundries.

The Board discussed the assessment and noted that sea kayaking and navigation course costs could be met from surplus from the remaining grant as a straight forward substitution, given that the skiing season for the year is finished. The Board noted the assessors were keen that 50% of these costs and the first aid training be covered as per the group's last application (as an NCG). KB suggested asking the group if they want to substitute the skiing. It was felt that an open day was not appropriate at this time and that archery tasting lessons are offered free in the area.

The Board agreed the grant should cover: £510 – 50% kayaking, £210 – 50% navigation, £500 – 50% outdoor first aid and £100 – stationery.

The Board **APPROVED** the grant in the sum of £1,320.00

Fund: Corriegarth

RB and CC returned to the meeting via Zoom unmute.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board agreed to defer this item until Board numbers increase.

8. WILDSIDE

CF explained three quotes had been obtained for a new heating system at very different prices and specifications. One suggested eight heaters and the other 27 heaters. MC had been going back to one of the companies to query the number of heaters. CF is in discussions with Home Energy Scotland as to what would be the

best system based on the building. The Board noted installation would be some time away given the current virus-related restrictions, however the purchase of furniture should continue. The HOE furniture at Tomatin is excellent and now would be a good time to get the furniture in and ready for reopening.

Action: Speak to HOE – KB.

The Board noted there had been two applications for the caretaker role. The Board noted the EOIs and values. The Board noted the position is on hold until the building can reopen.

Action: Return to the applicants with updates – KB.

9. BROADBAND

56 new customers are waiting for a new broadband scheme. CFWN are moving the router at Gorthleck Hall. The proposal is to install a cabinet outside the Hall. The Board noted from the aerial shot it would be adjacent to the fence of the next-door neighbour. CF will return to CFWN about relocation. It has been sited there due to the position of the telegraph pole. The Board noted that to move the box may incur an additional cost with SSE. A security camera will need to be installed and the Board suggested it could be on the mast, reviewing the CCTV on the box should be CFWN's responsibility.

Action: Find out the additional cost of re-siting the box opposite – CF.

10. AOCB

Appointment of Directors

The Board discussed inviting the recently resigned Directors to return to the Board.

Action: Write to Olaf Olsen and Zoe Iliffe – FE.

Action: Write to Karla Stewart – KB

Projects

The Board noted that the Foyers Bay project is on hold until further notice.

The Board noted the Riverside Field Planning Application can proceed.

The Board noted the Broadband project is proceeding as well as can be in the circumstances.

Action: Facebook post to summarise the status of all current projects – KB/JB.

Boleskine Community Care

FE updated the Board that Neil the Treasurer at BCC had contacted Margaret Cormack concerning the next annual grant payment. FE has responded with a holding reply reminding him that SSE will not allow the Trust to fund fuel bills. The Board noted the next instalment of the three years and ten months grant (two days for the manager and running costs) is due on 1 June 2020. FE has requested up to date figures from BCC on spend against the items specifically granted. Year two's grant of £19,366 was year one's grant plus 2% for inflation.

RB highlighted that they could apply for a deferment for utility costs and rent under the current Covid-19 implications.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6.30 p.m. Wednesday, 15 April 2020 via Zoom.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Signed by Chair (FE) _____

Date _____