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| **Colintraive and Glendaruel Development Trust****Minute of Board Meeting****Sunday 9th December 2014; Colintraive Hall; 14.30** |
| Present: | Charles Dixon Spain (CDS); Colin Boyd (CB); Jim McLuckie (JMcL);Michael Kaufmann (MK);Sandra Wilson (SW); John Shiveral (JS) |
| Apologies: | Alex McNaughton (AMcN); Eamon King (EK) |
| In Attendance: | Sara Maclean (SMcL); Margaret Shields (MS) |
| Previous minute: | Adoption of the draft minute of the meeting held on the 15th November 2014 was proposed by JMcL and seconded by MK. |  |
| Finance and Administration: | * MS had circulated a report prior to the meeting.
* Electronic payments were authorised by CDS and CB.
* MS reported that enquiries relating to alternative insurance provision had yielded slow and more expensive quotes; she therefore recommended retaining the current arrangement with Keegan and Pennykid. The board agreed.
* MS agreed to double check CGDT’s registration date for the new pension regulations.
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| Cowal Way: | * CDS congratulated MS and JMcL on their success in securing funding from the Coastal Communities Fund for a Cowal Way project which would run from 01.01.2015 until 31.12.2016.
* Recruitment and the composition of the interview panel were discussed; JMcL and MK would form the panel, ideally with a member of the CW sub-group, who would be approached.
* MS would contact insurers about teh costed CW insurance in early January.
 | JMcL/MKMS |
| Glendaruel Hotel: | MS reported that pending clarification of the state aid issue in relation to Heritage Lottery funding for the hotel, an application for development funding could be made to prepare for the next stage of the funding process (business plan etc). It was agreed that the solicitor for one of the owners should be asked to confirm that both owners were willing to sell before CGDT would apply for further funding in relation to the hotel project. MS agreed to contact the solicitor. | MS |
| Colintraive Shop: | The community buyer who had been interested in developing the property had now withdrawn and a discussion was held about CGDT’s continuing pursuit of the project. It was agreed that a full exploration of the subject would be conducted at the next meeting. |  |
| Glendaruel Community Hydro: | The required community ballot had been organised with a return date to the Electoral Reform Service of January 5th 2015. MK volunteered to act as copy editor for future CGDT communications. |  |
| Greener Colglen: | SMcL had circulated a report prior to the meeting.* The project was now approaching its end date; SMcL highlighted the potential of the ponticum problem for future funding and would continue to monitor the likely direction of future Climate Challenge Funding.
* LG had been preparing a winter newsletter and organising the hand-over of the grower’s website.
* Shredder servicing was scheduled for mid-December
* A draft volunteer handbook had been prepared; MK to edit.
* The board supported SMcL’s wish to pursue a Branching Out project in Stronafian Forest.
* SW asked if SMcL could provide an interested community group in Strachur with details of the polytunnel design and costs. SW to provide SMcL with contact details.
 | MKSW |
| Stronafian Forest: | EK had circulated a report prior to the meeting.* On the issue of replacing the solicitor engaged for the Stronafian Forest Project, it was agreed that the board support this once the status of the current solicitor’s work has been confirmed. Clarification of outstanding fees generated by the current solicitor was required along with the provision of a written report of work associated with any such fee. The setting up of a subsidiary renewable company would be tasked to the replacement solicitor.
* The board supported EK’s request that A&B Rape Crisis use the forest.
 | EK |
| AOCB: | * CC were reported to be satisfied with the revived community plan.
* MK reported that e-mail attachments circulated in CGDT e-mails could not be opened.
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| Future Meetings: | 22nd January 201512th February 20155th March 2015 All dates at Colintraive Hall, 16.00. |  |