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| Minute of Meeting of Colintraive and Glendaruel Development Trust Board  Thursday 22nd October 2015; 16.00; Glendaruel Hall | | | |
| **Present:** | | Charles Dixon-Spain (CDS); Sandra Wilson (SW); John Shiveral (JS); Jim McLuckie (JMcL); Cathy Grant (CG); Michael Kaufmann (MK); Colin Boyd (CB) | |
| **In attendance:** | | Margaret Shields (MS); Charlie Collins (CC); Stewart Miller (SM) ); Eamon King (EK) | |
| **Apologies:** | | Alex McNaughton (AMcN) | |
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| **Previous minute:** | The draft minute of the previous meeting (24th September 2015), was approved (proposed by JMcL; seconded by CG). | |  |
| **Appointment of new director:** | CDS welcomed Sue Read to the board as a new director and Glendaruel Hall Committee representative. | |  |
| **Election of Office Bearers:** | The board thanked CDS for volunteering to continue as chair. CB and SW agreed to continue as treasurer and secretary, respectively. | |  |
| **Matters Arising:** | * Public toilets issue would be pursued when AMcN was in attendance. | |  |
| **Finance and Administration:** | MS circulated a report by e-mail prior to the meeting. The following was agreed/discussed:   * Electronic payments were authorised by CDS and CB. * Board approved financial report. * MS reported that Graham Curran’s input to the Broadband project had been excellent and a draft and timetable had been agreed (CBS had indicated that they would fund in December). CDS and JS to discuss how the CIC should be structured and report back to the board. * Glendaruel Hub project options appraisal would be managed by SMcL and should be available by 17th December 2015. The Hotel right to buy would end on 12.01.16. After discussion of the options, the board agreed to allow the right to buy lapse. * CDS thanked MS for her efforts in securing HIE funding for 0.4 FTE for 2 years (required matched funding). The board supported acceptance of the funding. The post would be advertised in the week following the meeting and MK and JS volunteered to interview candidates. * The slipway plans would be displayed in Colintraive Hall and Hotel. | | CDS and JS |
| **Cowal Way:** | CC and SM circulated reports prior to the meeting; the following was reported/discussed:   * Additional funding bid had been successful but the baggage handling aspect of the proposal was not supported. The board thanked the CW staff for their excellent work. The board agreed with SM’s suggestion that CW ring-fenced funds should be used for the baggage handling aspect of the project. * CW Guide upgrade will include a section on Bute, for which MS will request a contribution. JMcL and MK to meet to discuss upgrade. * Path counters at Lochgoilhead and Glenbranter had been moved and the counter at Garvie had been repaired. Data would be collected from November and would be shared with other interested parties. * Website launch slower than anticipated but now planned for end of October. * Way-markers and signage would be ready early November, MK asked for markers to be map-referenced. * Facebook likes had increased 40%. * Visit from SNH representative had been positive. * SM had met with Cowal Fest Committee; changes to CW’s participation were planned. * Two important meetings for CW marketing were scheduled in the following weeks. * Construction work was on target and progressing well. * The Bealachandrain Bridge would be completed by the end of the month.. | | SM |
| **Stronafian Forest:** | EK circulated report prior to the meeting; the following was discussed:   * Removal of pre-accreditation by the government had rendered the turbine project unviable. There remained a possibility that community projects would be exempt but this would be undecided until December. Refusal of planning permission would make the financial viability irrelevant. If the project does not proceed for either of these reasons or any other, the CARES loan will be written off (minus our 5%). * A team from Kew Gardens had collected samples from the forest for the millennium seed bank. * CG requested that Forest Group and Archaeology Group meeting be convened soon. SR suggested that increased publicity (through notice boards and newsletter rather than social media), about the Archaeology Group would yield greater community involvement. * CG asked about current and future timber extraction. EK advised that there was no current extraction but it would start again in Spring. It was agreed that this information should be included in the newsletter. * The Funding people Project had progressed to the final round. CDS asked if any of EK’s salary could be included in the application. EK would investigate. | | EK |
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| **AOB:** | None | |  |
| **Future Meetings:** | Meeting dates were arranged, as follows:    Thursday 19th November 2015 at 16.00 in Colintraive Hall  Thursday 17th December 2015 in Glendaruel Hall  Thursday 28th January 2016 at 16.00 in Glendaruel Hall | |  |
| **ADOPTION:** | **Proposed:** | |  |
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|  | **Chairman:** | |  |
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