

Dear Member,

We regret to inform you that the board has taken the decision to postpone the EGM scheduled for Sunday, 23rd August 2020.

This decision has been made as a result of an email sent to the chair by Mr Reg MacDonald threatening the trust with an interdict to prevent any meeting in any form until matters he is unhappy with are resolved by a court.

The board has not done anything which justifies Mr MacDonald's action.

However, the board has concluded that the trust should not pay legal fees to ensure that it is notified if and when an interdict is granted. Therefore, taking a precautionary stance, we will no longer convene any meetings, including next Sunday's EGM in case an interdict has been granted.

Unfortunately Mr MacDonald's threat of legal action may have a negative impact on the operation of the trust, particularly in its role as an anchor organisation for the community response to COVID-19. This may mean that we have to stop the distribution of food boxes, restocking of food stores, payment of mileage for volunteers etc. For the moment these things will continue but we may see no other option and will not risk putting ourselves or members of the trust in contempt of court.

As a member of the trust you should know that, the board has repeatedly asked Mr MacDonald:

- to withdraw the anonymous report as per the Cease and Desist Letter sent by CGDT's lawyers
- and thereafter, to raise his queries in a less disruptive manner which respects both the M&As and the policies of the Development Trust
- the board have repeatedly stated, that if he withdrew the anonymous report, Mr MacDonald could take up his position as director.

To date Mr MacDonald has refused to withdraw the anonymous document.

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To be clear:

- the board of the trust will always respond to contact from members of the trust, as well as members of the community, taking issue with the operation and decisions of CGDT, as long as those complaints are made in person and not anonymously.
- the board will always seek to address concerns, and if unable to do so, will offer paths to resolution of issues.
- All complainants will be treated confidentially and respectfully as per our policies.
- if the board response is still considered inadequate then a complainant has several options:
  - the M&As of CGDT says that any member of the trust with the support of six others can ask the board of CGDT to call an EGM about an issue. While the issue must be encapsulated in a motion, the board cannot refuse to hold that meeting.
  - if the concern is regarding a particular project an individual might also raise the issue with a funder, eg. Highlands and Islands Enterprise or Coastal Communities Fund
  - any person can lodge a complaint with the Office of Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR), with HMRC or with Companies House.

It is indicative of Mr MacDonald's approach that his first action was to distribute an anonymous 'document' rather than utilise any of the approaches outlined above.

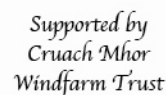
In due course the board will announce how it plans to proceed.

Yours faithfully,

The Board of Directors,  
Colintraive & Glendaruel Development Trust.

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