

CGDT – Minutes for meeting held on 21 January 2021.

Meeting held on Zoom with RM on the telephone.

Welcome:

Cathleen Russell (CR), Harry Andrews (HA), Calum Maclean (CM), Paul Bulmer (PB), Charles Dixon-Spain (CDS), Gary Kirby (GK), Ros McGhee (RM), Calum Maclean (CM), John Alan (JA), Graham Curran (GC), Amber Llovet (AL)

Apologies:

John McNaughton (JM)

Documents Presented:

1. Guidance and good practice for charity trustees
2. CGDT Objectives
3. Project List from CG
4. Project Brief Template from GC

The directors' attention was brought to both the guidance and the CGDT objectives.

All but one agreed that GC's template was worthwhile and useable. However, it was felt best to continue with SWOT analysis as an initial tool, and then use the template to work up a project.

The project list would be set up as a Google sheet on Google Drive so that everyone could work on them.

Minutes:

All directors of the Trust were invited to, and gave, a spoken resume of their present circumstances and past experiences.

CR cited example of another area getting funding for signage through an application to Highlands and Islands Enterprise - should we consider for heritage trail?

PB added the need for a meat locker and grain storage to the Food Security project.

HA did not favour making a project list and winnowing it down.

GK agreed, but did not want to discuss projects at all until matters of the structure and the future role of CGDT were finalised.

JA brought up the fact that there were other 'pop-up' funding groups in the village unallied to CGDT.

There followed a discussion on the role of the CGDT and the Colintrave and Glendaruel communities:

1. The role of the CGDT is to support rural tourism.
2. No, Social resilience and support.
3. The area is not only about tourism, but also about rural industry.
4. Decent infrastructure and transport are required in order to support the concept of 'to visit, to live, to work, to study.
5. The Isle of Ghia Development Trust was cited as a good example.

Discussion continued on to the attitude of Argyll & Bute Council – no-one wants to join a waiting list for housing in Colintrave and Glendaruel. And A&BC looking at ways to reduce bus services - they have had a consultation. CR: need our own bus service as it is too expensive to rent transportation locally.

CDS: broadband is key.

GK: we need to think about overall transport infrastructure – roads, railways, tramways and buses, and cited Kingston upon Hull.

CR: and water transport.

CM: first find funding then we can start working on projects.

CR: use land that the community and the DT already own to implement and support food security.

JA: We should act as enablers, not businesses. CR agreed.

CDS listed the achievements of the CGDT in respect of food resilience.

HA considered that these projects were a displacement issue. RM asked what we were displacing. HA: Reg Macdonald.

CR: not appropriate for tonight.

GC: working up projects is a great way to improve the Reg situation.

GK: we shouldn't be attacking members of our own community.

GC: we should be working on projects to show the community that the CGDT is viable and worth supporting.

HA: we should all work on every project to show whether or not we support the projects.

After some discussion it was agreed that we should work co-operatively on Google Sheets.

CDS reminded everyone that the CGDT Covid recovery projects were also still in operation.

CR pointed out that the funding for food boxes had been cut so that we could only offer a limited number of food boxes now.