



Minutes for meeting via Zoom

19.30 hrs, 2nd June 2021.

Attendees:

Paul Bulmer (PB), Reg Macdonald (RD), Ros McGhee (RM), Cathleen Russell (CR), Amber Llovet (AL), Charlie Collins (CC), Graham Curran (GC)

Apologies: Gary Kirby (GK), John McNaughton (JM), John Allan (JA)

Previous minutes:

4th May 2021 Passed unanimously.

Matters Arising:

GK has asked if Charles Dixon-Spain could help with the graphics on the signage. CDS agrees. The directors have also agreed this.

Declarations of interest:

CR is a director of the Scottish Rural Action and the Bute Ferry Group, the advisory group for Argyll and Bute Climate Challenge and Treasurer of the Colintrave and Glendaruel Community Council.

PB Convenor of Colintrave and Glendaruel Community Council and on the board of the Kilmodan Acre Trust.

Administration Report:

Motion: Will the Board support using excess funding from HIE to help support the Food boxes in Colintrave and Glendaruel. All voted in favour. Motion passed.

Discussion on this continued, more organisation required for ways to support the two food boxes.

Motion: Will the Board support applying to The Community Council for financial support in providing insurance for the outdoor structures in Colintrave and Glendaruel. All voted in favour. Motion passed.

Adapt and Thrive Program Extension: Community & Third Sector. Closing 30th June 2021

Adapt and Thrive offers a combination of advice and funding to support organisations to reflect on their current services and determine which areas need to change, flex, innovate, or grow to be resilient and successful during and post COVID-19. Funding up to £75k.

An application is being drafted for the Adapt and Thrive Program for CGDT to grow into an organisation with greater presence within the Cowal area. Building upon the improvements in governance over the past year, and success of the Covid-19 community response projects, CGDT would be looking to maintain its two full-time contractors - whom are currently funded mainly by the Covid program - and expand operations into post covid projects with employment of additional contractors. Potential projects include: use of Solum land (a South facing sloped area) as a food growing enterprise capable of feeding the ColGlen community; land ownership via asset transfer and subsequent build of community housing; potential renewable energy projects such as the Hydro scheme at Garvie and Stronafian forest training.

Motion: Will the Board support the Administrative Report. All voted in favour. Motion passed.

Project updates:

CR approached Stakis, who have now agreed to donate the £9375, held against the Screening Fund, to CGDT

JM joined the meeting.

Outdoor Structures

A request for redistribution of funds within the CRF was submitted to HIE on 14th May 2021. The request was accepted on 31st May 2021. New project deadline is 24th June 2021.

There was a discussion on the legal situation of VAT on materials and VAT on labour. CC will check with the relevant contractors.

Wander ways

CC agrees that there is a potential business plan related to Wander Ways, but many of our visitors travel independently. It would need a lot of work to set up and manage. CR wants to set up leaflets offering walks at least. AL will explore further.

Stronafian

A working group has met and started discussions on the review of the Stronafian lease and will report back to the Board.

Newsletter

The CGDT newsletter should be released at the end of June to include the outdoor structures and the new walks through Stronafian forest.

Governance:

CGDT will continue for the next month or so without a dedicated treasurer. CR and AL will lead with the full support of the directors.

Staffing – line management

CR has taken over management of CGDT staff from Charles Dixon-Spain.

DONM:

8th July 2021

5th August 2021