

Minutes of Trust Meeting 11 1 10

1. Present. A. Sutherland, M. Houston, H. Granger, F. Ellam, S. Ferguson. Guests. J' Townshend and J. Main from the Wade Bridge of Whitebridge Trust.

2. Apologies M. Bateman, W. Fraser, A. Holt. As F. Ellam and S, Ferguson are not voting members the meeting was not quorate.

3. The purpose of the meeting was to gain further information about the Wade bridge Grant application for a total of £40,000.

4. It is going to be difficult for the Trust to provide the Scottish Community Trust with sufficient information to enable them to release Glendoe monies without some firm figures. To date all of the figures are estimates including the consultant's charges. The other factor which S.C.F. will want to be satisfied on is the difficulty in obtaining competitive estimates from both specialised engineering consultants and capable contractors for this specialised work. F. Ellam will discuss this with S.C.F. It obviously requires somebody to set the ball rolling and it does seem that Historic Scotland or Highland Council with their statutory remits should lead the charge rather than a bunch of local volunteers!

The BridgeTrust will meet Crudens, the prospective consulting engineers on site on the 12th.to discuss the job. They will ask them to provide a quotation for their services to allow firm quotations for the works. This will entail preparation of plans, a bill of quantities etc. and this preliminary work would form the basis of a new application for a grant application to the Community Trust.

The Bridge Trust have not yet asked the proprietor of Wildside for any contribution to the proposed scheme and will be meeting him on the 12th. It is clear that the restored bridge is important to their commercial operation.