

Minutes of Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust
9th February 2010

1. Apologies : M. Houston and H. Parrott.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were approved by H. Granger and seconded by A. Sutherland.
3. Stratherrick Hall Small Grant Application for £1000. H. Nicol, Hall Chairman attended and spoke to the application which was for support for running costs and engagement of an architect's report on the roof. The grant was approved unanimously but it was pointed out that the expected future application for roof repairs could not be made for at least a year but preparation of contracts etc. and work using other support monies could take place. The hall charges have been unchanged for 10 years and the Hall Committee have agreed that the hourly rate will go up from £6 to £8 and other charges will be similarly adjusted.
4. Wade Bridge Whitebridge. S.C.F. have indicated that there would not be a problem in using Glendoe money for this project. Discussion took place and concern was expressed about

a) The risk to the Trust from funding the consultants to prepare tenders which might come in above the estimates and sink the project.

b) The unwillingness of the Wildside landowner to contribute to or at least match any contribution from the Community Trust. It was noted that he continues to build and improve chalets on his site.

c) The fact that a **local** Community Trust with no statutory responsibility (unlike Historic Scotland and Highland Council) was being asked for such a large amount with an element of risk to save a **national** monument..

It was agreed that A. Holt would approach Mr. Hudson and ask if he would be prepared to reconsider as the Directors had reservations about expending potentially £45,000 of their monies which might be used for other projects of more direct benefit to the community.

5. The annual accounts had been approved at the last meeting.
6. A. Sutherland and W. Fraser offered their resignations and willingness to be re elected at the Trust A.G.M.
7. Energy Efficiency Monies: Discussion and approval took place on Phase 1 of works to carry out loft insulation, cavity wall insulation and draught proofing of 21 houses which had requested survey following public advertisement. This will be carried out by the Inverness based Energy Saving Trust but the Community Trust require to be told when a ceiling of £30,000 has been reached for these works. The Energy Saving Trust together with S.S.E. have

also offered to carry out thermal imaging surveys of houses in our area and to provide an image of a poorly insulated house for the next Boleskine Bulletin which together with an accompanying article will hopefully stimulate more interest from the Community in having this type of work done.

8. Bank situation. We currently have funds of £94,360 of which £68,893 is from Glendoe. Corporation tax of £390.60 is now payable on interest earned of £1,860 and a cheque for that amount was duly signed.
9. An assessment form for the Playgroup grant is now due to be completed by the Secretary.

A. Sutherland (Secretary)