

Minutes of Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust Meeting 22 04 09

1. Present: H. Grainger, A. Sutherland, W. Fraser, F. Ellam, H. Parrot, S. Ferguson, A. Holt.
2. Apologies: M. Bateman
3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting was moved by S. Ferguson and seconded by W. Fraser.
4. Matters arising from the minutes. – A completed grant acceptance form had been received from the South Loch Ness Access Group in respect of their project on the Fair Haired Lad's Pass.
5. Heritage Group Application for £2,500. F. Ellam spoke to this application which is intended to be a companion to "A Country Called Stratherrick" Trust Directors approved the application and a cheque was duly signed.
6. Community Web Site Application. – There was general discussion about this application and the need to have a consistent system for maintenance and updates if it is to be carried out by individuals from the many organisations which might feature on the site. It would probably best be carried out by one or two dedicated individuals provided that the information submitted is well composed and formatted. Relying upon volunteers might not be realistic and it may be better to employ someone to do up to say 4 hours a week at an hourly wage. It was agreed that the applicant (the Community Council) be asked to amend their application to a year's annual maintenance of the website and that it would be re presented to the next meeting of the Trust.
7. The discussions with the Scottish Community Foundation regarding release of the Glendoe money to the Trust are still ongoing and it was agreed that their latest request to retain the right to do the assessment for any application above £10,000 was acceptable if this would allow them to hand over the first 4 years of money which is now due to the Trust and to simplify application procedures.
8. For the benefit of new the new trustees it was pointed out that the Glendoe monies are made up of three elements: These are: The fixed annual Community Benefit Fund which is shared with the Fort Augustus community, a variable annual payment based on the power generated, and a sum of money to be spent on energy efficiency improvements.
9. Money presently in the bank currently stands at £25,540 which, when the Glendoe money to date is released is likely to rise to £130,000 brought up to date for 2009.

10. It was agreed that the Secretary should e mail details of the Hadyards Hill South Ayrshire Community Energy project to Directors for their information.
11. A.O.B. F. Ellam gave a report on the recent Whitebridge Wade Bridge meeting which had been attended. by David Henderson of the Strathnairn Community Trust. It was agreed F. Ellam would invite him to our next meeting to talk about their experiences in managing community benefit and funding schemes such as a community mini bus. A dedicated local mini bus service is high on the wish list prepared following the Community needs Survey and is of particular interest to the Stratherrick Parent Council organisation which has had difficulty in maintaining external activities for pupils due to the high cost of private bus hire.
12. Boleskine Bulletin, It was agreed that £250 be contributed towards the publication's community news information service.
13. War Memorial letter maintenance. It was agreed that the Community Council who are behind the project should apply for the short fall of £500 through the small grants application procedure. The balance of 75% of the cost is being met from the national organisation charged with maintaining War Memorials.
14. Date of next meeting. Tuesday 16th. June 7.30 p.m. in Stratherrick Hall.

A. Sutherland
Secretary.