



Directors/Trustees Meeting Thursday 19 January 2023

Present

Jill Patrick, Gavin Fleming, Stuart Ogg, Geoff Peart, Steve Barnet, Gill Bell, Douglas Johnston

Apologies

Crawford Gordon, Mari Jackson, John Steele, Nathan Anderton.

Based on the previous agreement to rotate the Chair, Geoff Peart chaired this meeting.

1. Appointment of new trustee/director

After discussion SO proposed and DJ seconded the appointment of Nathan Anderton as a new director/trustee to fill one of the two remaining vacancies.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 30 November 2022 were adopted as a true record of the meeting having been circulated immediately after the meeting for comment.

4. Follow up actions (Ongoing actions)

All actions from previous meetings completed other than the following ones which are ongoing. Some actions have been updated following discussion at this meeting:

- SB and JP will continue to review GDPR statement. SB has now accessed other statements to see how these relate to GCT version.
- It was agreed that it was important to explain that any raffles organised by local groups should acknowledge the Trust having the lottery licence should they wish to be covered by it. MJ had confirmed she has spoken to the Parent Council about the licence.
- It was agreed that given current constraints on volunteer time given the existing range of projects already being handled the Community Council will be invited to lead the local

place plan process albeit the Trust would be happy to be represented on any working group.

Action: GP to follow up with Community Council.

Website information out of date regarding trustees and there was a query as to whether the new pricing structure was on the website.

Action: SO to contact Carol to ensure website has latest information on it.

5. Company Secretary Report

GB explained that she would place Nathan on the Companies House register once he had completed the formal papers.

Regarding the defibrillators GB explained that Trossachs Rescue had been paid for the work carried out on the defibrillators. Both have had pads renewed and should be fit for purpose until 2025 unless they are used. They may require a software update in due course. It was noted that the Windfarm Panel had requested that an article is published in the Bugle reminding everyone about the locations of the defibrillators and a note placed on the village Noticeboard. GB has pulled together a file with all the details of the defibrillators in it so it can be passed on when the time comes. The defibrillators are now on the British Heart Foundation register.

Lottery licence renewed until end of December 2023.

Draft valuation notice received for community centre.

Action SO to circulate Conflict of Interest policy which had previously been drafted by Jeremy.

6. Treasurers Report

GF provided an updated financial report and invited comments or queries.

During discussion following points were made:

- Utilisation of the drop-in Centre.
- Songsters may be looking to return once an evening is freed up which will be the case once the Brownies close down nobody else has come forward to say they will run them when GB and Jackie Campbell complete their terms of office this summer.
- Some invoices were incorrect, CG to check with Debbie.
- JP noted that Bite and Blether had raised another £500
- DJ noted that Ann Knox has the text for Annual Report.

Actions:

CG to contact Debbie re: accuracy of invoices

GF and DJ to check with Ann Knox about her access to the accounts now they are all on-line.

7. Community Centre Report

DJ noted that there had been a week's delay in the installation of the solar panels and should start on 23 January.

Following further discussion regarding roles it was agreed that DJ would take on the Glebe Park given that CG had taken over the Community Centre which involves wider responsibilities.

Action: SO to update roles and responsibilities table.

Roof leaks were reported, Lee actioning.

Temperature issues reported.

Action: DJ to contact Lee re: temperature controls and confirm details for users if there are any issues when they arrive at the Centre.

The new pricing structure set out following the work by Jon Park and Debbie Mason now applicable.

Action: Check to be made to see if new pricing structure is on website.

Certificates displayed at Community Centre require updating.

Action: CG/DJ to arrange updated statutory certificates

Electricity contract will need to be renewed at end of June 2023.

Action: GF to contact CG about taking this forward.

8. Windfarm Fund Panel applications

The following applications approved at the recent meeting of the Windfarm Panel were discussed and endorsed by the Trust:

- GWF 10-22 Replacement defibrillator pads and software - £500
- GWF 1-23 Supplemental planting and noticeboard for Glebe ponds - £376.76
- GWF 2-23 First Aid training for Toddlers Group - up to £516 if all 20 places are filled
- GWF 3-23 6 Month trial of 2 weekly sessions for Toddlers Group - £483
- GWF 4-23 Annual Windfarm administration payment - £1099.34

It was also noted that 44% of all requests for Windfarm funding during 2022 was sponsored by the Trust highlighting the important role an umbrella body like the Trust can play within the community.

9. Projects Update

Village Shop

DJ reported that there had been two unsuccessful applications for funding primarily due to the tight deadline which had made it difficult to collate all the information required. It is proposed to

go back to first principles and undertake an architect based survey and assessment of what it would require to bring the building up to a standard which would make it carbon neutral. It has become very clear with the recent damage caused by the cold weather that the building has been renovated to a very low standard.

A complete assessment is required to understand the full cost of buying the building and bringing it up to a high standard. A brief has gone out to three architects and an application for funding is going to be made to the Gargunnock Estate Trust. DJ asked whether the trust would support this approach recognising that the first phase would focus on assessing the full costs of the project with a second phase focusing on the actual works with match funding being sought for the longer term project. After discussion it was agreed.

Action: DJ to take forward an application to the Gargunnock Estate Trust.

Gargunnock to Stirling path

GP explained that a further meeting had been held with Stirling Council. Unfortunately, the Council had not taken forward their actions until very recently. It is understood that only very recently the Council has sent letters to all landowners and commissioned the District Valuer to assess the value of the land which would be taken by the path as the basis for negotiations with the landowners.

Discussions with Sustrans have led to a final agreement to release the funding for the next stage of the project.

One issue that emerged from the meeting with Council is that its staff time involved to be funded by the project. Sustrans have been informed of this issue.

GP reported that while some actions had been taken progress was still slow. He highlighted that there will now be monthly meetings with Council officers and that a communication programme to keep all stakeholders informed will also be required.

A useful meeting had been held with SWECO, the consultants working on the project, had identified items which can be progressed in parallel to the actions being taken forward by the Council. These include market research, equalities work, utilities mapping, etc. They have noted that other work is underway on the King's Highway concept by TACTRAN.

Beeches Path

SO explained that he had now sent the Beeches Path specification to three more contractors but had no response so far. An application for funding will be made to the Ian Findlay Fund which could cover up to 70% of the cost of a project and a certain percentage must be volunteer input. Other sources will have to be considered and applied for.

Hill Path

GF reported he was in the process of recruiting some additional folk to help deliver this project.

Pond and Glebe Park

Additional funding obtained from Windfarm Fund for further planting.

10. Newsletter

MJ explained in a note circulated prior to the meeting that she had been in touch with the Bugle editor and no issues were reported. Trust wanted to record its thanks to Louise and Shona Crawford for the last edition of the Bugle.

11. AOB

JS had requested that the meeting discuss the idea of developing a 'pump track' in the village. During the following discussion it was noted that a similar project in Kippen, funded by the efforts of young people, had been subsequently vandalised. It was suggested that this type of facility might be best located at either the football park or the site adjacent to the drop-in centre. As both sites are owned and managed by the Council this is something that they should be encouraged to consider installing. It was suggested that JS may want to take this project forward as a project by initially contacting the Council.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

12. Date of next meeting

Thursday 16 March – (Chair - Douglas Johnston)

13. Future Trust meeting dates

Thursday 18 May – (Chair - Jill Patrick)

Thursday 24 August – (Chair – Steve Barnett)

Thursday 26 October – (Chair – Gavin Fleming)

Thursday 7 December – (Chair – Crawford Gordon)