

Minutes of Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company
Business Meeting
Held on Monday 22nd May 2017
In the Meeting Room, Fort Augustus Village Hall

Board Directors Present: Chair - Harry Whiteside (HW), Phil Di-Duca (PD), David Campbell (DC), Johnny MacDonald (JM), Iain Farmer (IF) & Reay MacKay (RM),
 Apologies: Christina Mudditt (CM), Kathryn Sharples (KS), Elizabeth MacEachen (EM) & Steven Smith (SS)
 Minute taker: Sharon Ferguson (Admin)

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>The chair opened the meeting welcoming directors and thanking them for attending. Apologies from Christina Mudditt (CM), Kathryn Sharples (KS), Elizabeth MacEachen (EM) & Steven Smith (SS)</p>	
2	<p>Previous Minutes</p> <p>Minutes from 25th April 2017 were approved by PD & seconded by HW.</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising Not on the Agenda</p> <p>None</p>	
4	<p>Medical Centre</p> <p>Deed of servitude nearly completed. As Caroline from the Lovat has been very helpful with this issue, HW suggested we make a donation towards the charity that she is fundraising for – majority agreed to a £50 donation. DC did not approve.</p> <p>Update from the Architect – He is still waiting for the spec from Drumnadrochit to be passed to him. If work has to be re-done because of new spec, there will be extra charges.</p>	
5	<p>Flat Bunoich Brae – Security of title</p> <p>The purchase of the flat at Bunoich Brae was quick & successful. Security of title to be given to the Scottish Government & £72k grant will not be given out until this is done. HW to look into how long this security will sit on the property.</p> <p>New heating system has been put in. One resident complained about the size of the unit & another about the noise. HW had asked if it could go at the front of the property but Albyn preferred that it was at the back & also the heating engineer had informed her that it wouldn't work if positioned there. Site visit to be done to check noise levels.</p> <p>Since advertising the flat for rent, 14 requests had been made for application packs & 6 full applications had since been received. One has been recommended to the board. All applications were looked at anonymously so at this stage, it is not known who the recommended tenant is. References currently being sought.</p> <p>Additional smoke alarm & heat detector to be hard wired into the flat.</p> <p>FAGCC have now received their tenant registration documents. Entry date is expected to be end of May/start of June.</p>	

6	<p>Community Caretaker DC informed the board that there was a new work plan for the summer. The brackets for the hanging baskets had been lowered & the baskets will be ready for collection by mid-June. All the cemetery improvements have been completed. An open evening is planned for this Wed night (24th May) at Invermoriston, open for both Communities to attend. HC have agreed to pay for 50% of the costs of the fencing at the play park & the Riggs.</p>	
7	<p>Village Hall - Heating Discussion had about hall heating & costs. All agreed to go with Alba Air Energy for an air to air system. Admin to contact re timescales.</p>	
8	<p>Broadband Update Admin updated the board & talked through a presentation on the analysis broken down into areas. All agreed to invite Cromarty Firth Wireless Networks, who are installing wireless systems in neighbouring areas, to come to the meeting in August to discuss options to get Broadband to those areas with poor connection & will not be able to benefit from BT's superfast scheme.</p>	
9	<p>Financial Accounts 2017 Schedules HW ran through the financial schedules for year ending Mar 17. All agreed to a grant of £5k going towards the running of the Fort Augustus Village Hall. All approved schedules.</p>	
10	<p>Grant applications A budget of £94k has been allowed for grants for this financial year, £20k of this is expected to go on the School minibus. Discussion had about whether there was a max of £25k per application; nothing in writing to confirm this & all agreed to look at each application on its own merits. Admin has been working with West Glenmoriston Community Company for some time & they have now submitted an over £10k proposal; all agreed this should be sent to SSE for approval as per our guidelines once queries answered & if a positive decision, invite a full application asap. Discussion had about Individual application for Class 2 driving licence; all agreed it could be put out for assessment. Discussion had about letter received from Scottish Canals asking if they could apply for £75k grant; all agreed to refuse on the grounds of the level of turnover of the applicant & as such, it does not fit our criteria.</p>	
11	<p>AOCB CM has done the relevant pension training with HW & will now check the Company's pension payments to employees. JM queried the decision to reduce the grant to Glengarry Shinty club; explained again to JM that as the one of the items requested (new goal posts), were in situ before the grant was approved, we could not fund this as it would be retrospective funding & we have refused other groups on this basis before. Date of next meetings ~ 27th June 2017 (Grant Meeting)</p>	