

Minutes of Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company
Business Meeting
Held on Tuesday 24th January 2017
In the Meeting Room, Fort Augustus Village Hall

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

Apologies: David Campbell (DC)

Minute taker: Sharon Ferguson (Admin)

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Welcome The chair opened the meeting welcoming directors and thanking them for attending. Apologies from David Campbell (DC)</p>	
2	<p>Previous Minutes Minutes from 24th October 2016 were approved by HW & seconded by PD. Minutes from AGM 2016 were approved by HW & seconded by RM. Minutes from Post AGM 2016 were approved by HW & seconded by EM.</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising Broadband – Analysis of survey has been done. Request for admin to breakdown into areas of the Community to try & get a better picture. Lucky2bhere – Training has been completed. Lochaber 365 has offered to fit all three de-fibs for free. Waiting on a date. West Glenmoriston Com Company – No proposal form or application form received yet. Admin has been in touch to offer help again. British Gas – we have now received the bill from the new hall electricity suppliers. Estimates are too low but actual readings have now been supplied. SSE to be organised to come out & give tutorial on the heating system. Kilchuimen Academy grant app – not received yet but PD has been working with the School. Santander acct – this is now opened & £200k has been transferred into it.</p>	Admin
4	<p>Individual Student Application I-202-2016 – approved</p>	
5	<p>Directors folders & dates for Director training Admin handed out updated Directors folders to those that needed. Dates discussed for grant assessing & Directors training. To be confirmed. HW to contact Martin Culbertson to carry out assessment training. HW will do Directors training.</p>	HW
6	<p>Medical Centre - Update Planning has had to be re-submitted as minor changes to back of building architect felt they should have been done under devolved powers. Hopeful that this will go through quickly. Also awaiting building warrant, sale of the</p>	

	land & final confirmation of NHS lease. NHS are now treating the build as a PFI & this will change the specification required & in turn, the costs. As it has now been clarified that IF has no financial involvement with the practice, he can now take part in discussions & is happy to attend meetings with the NHS to help move things along.	
7	<p>Community Challenge - Update</p> <p>The boys dealt with the heavy snow the best they could but small plough not enough when that much snow. Glen has suggested a plan to the board of putting a container & Port a cabin at the back of the hall as a base for them & a secure area for tools etc as previous plan of a yard at the Forestry office is taking too long to progress & would mean more grass cutting in return. Plans to be sent to the Architect to do a drawing for planning & costings previously done. Glen also suggests opening up the area behind the recycling bins at the hall car park for a community composting area. All agreed to move forward with both ideas.</p>	
8	<p>Pension</p> <p>Barnett Waddingham has been appointed to run the Company pension scheme as previously agreed by the Board. The pension start date has been brought forward to tie in with financial year. Discussion had about employer's pension contribution. All agreed that starting rate should be started at 3%.</p>	
9	<p>Beinneun Windfarm/Community Council</p> <p>As per October's minutes, HW had requested a meeting with Neil Reed, liaison officer for Blue Energy & the Community Council to discuss Community Benefit. This never took place as no reply was received but HW has now been invited to meet with Neil Reed to discuss Blue Energy's plan for its community benefit. This will now be a public meeting. The date will be circulated when known.</p>	
10	<p>AOCB</p> <p>HW had call to contact the Benedictine Monks due to the recent spray painting on a wall in the Old Convent Woods. John Cunningham replied & also agreed to start discussions about the Community purchasing the land. HW replied to say we would be happy to start such discussions.</p> <p>Membership application ~ Carol Pritchard & Mary Rivers. All agreed.</p> <p>Thank you cards were received from several attendees of the Telford Centre who were delighted with the small gift that FAGCC gave to them. A letter was also received from the manageress of the Telford centre, thanking FAGCC.</p> <p>The Screen Machine will return to Fort Augustus on the 2nd & 3rd March. Films will be advertised once confirmed. Discussion had about a screening for the Telford Centre residents. Agreed to look into a scheme that Alzheimer Scotland do with a special screening for those living with dementia.</p> <p>Vehicle insurance has gone up from £637 to £765. RM gave HW some companies to phone to try & get lower quotes.</p> <p>Date of next meetings ~ BM 28th Feb 2017 Training - TBC</p>	