

Minutes of Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company

Business Meeting

Held on Tuesday 26th January 2016

In the Meeting Room, Fort Augustus Village Hall

Board Directors Present: Chair - Harry Whiteside (HW), Phil Di-Duca (PD), Reay MacKay (RM), David Campbell (DC), Kathryn Sharples (KS) & Ramazan Islerdemir (RI)

Apologies: Christina Mudditt (CM), Duncan McIntosh (DM), Johnny McDonald (JM) & Iain Farmer (IF)

Minute taker: Sharon Ferguson (Admin)

Item	Minute	Action
1	Welcome The chair opened the meeting welcoming directors and thanking them for attending. Apologies received from Christina Mudditt (CM), Duncan McIntosh (DM), Johnny McDonald (JM) & Iain Farmer (IF)	
2	Previous Minutes - 07/12/15 The minutes of the 7 th December were proposed by DM and seconded by HW. The Confidential minute was proposed by PD and seconded by HW.	
3	Matters Arising Broadband – Admin updated the board as she had attended a meeting in Inverness that morning. Not a lot of progress had been made & admin had raised the point at the meeting that surveying had not taken place. Community Broadband Scotland agreed that we could now apply for the grant to survey our area to establish need. All agreed to do the survey & take to the next level. Director’s folders – All Directors that have a yellow folder are reminded to please hand them in so that Admin can update them.	Admin All
4	Membership Three new membership applications had been received as follows ~ Cameron Edwards – approved Lorn MacKay – approved (RM declared an interest) Mary MacGillavry – approved HW discussed that she felt the £1 fee was a barrier to people becoming members as many don’t like to post a £1 coin or don’t have it on them when completing the form. All agreed to amend the application form & advertise that it is now free to join to encourage membership.	Admin
5	Website We are currently not paying anything for website maintenance nor have a fee list for any occasion where work may be required on our website. All agreed to ask Fort PC for an ongoing price or cost per hour for any work needed/maintenance. All agreed to pay for a 12 month period to ‘Just host’ for the domain.	Admin

<p>6</p>	<p>Finances HW talked through an income & expenses forecast for 2016 including estimated costs for the medical centre build. Discussion had about restricting the grant programme for 2016. More Community benefit funds are due to come in from other projects but to date; there is no written confirmation of when this may be expected. Funding applications to be written & submitted to help with the cost of the medical centre build. Build costs are still to be confirmed. All agreed that until build costs are confirmed, grant applications are approved & confirmation of future funding is received, the current grant programme is to be restricted to £10k in total for the year but with the hope of re-opening it as soon as funds allow. HW proposed a 2.5% pay rise for the Village officers, some of which will come from Highland Council for 1 employee per the Service Level Agreement – all agreed.</p>	<p>HW & Admin</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>AOCB DC & HW requested employing Ronald MacDonald from Invergarry to fill the Village officer seasonal post & to cover Ruairidh & Jordan’s holidays. Ronald covered sick leave last year and knows the job. This would be from April to Oct. All agreed. Date of next meetings ~ Business meeting Monday 29th February Grant Meeting Tuesday 22nd March</p>	