

Minutes of Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company

**Business Meeting**

**Held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 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), Moira Ferguson (MF) & Johnny MacDonald (JM)

Apologies: Iain Farmer (IF)

Minute taker: Sharon Ferguson (Admin)

<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b> The chair opened the meeting welcoming directors and thanking them for attending. Apologies received from Iain Farmer (IF).	
<b>2</b>	<b>Previous Minutes - 26/01/16</b> The minutes of the 26 <sup>th</sup> January were proposed by DC and seconded by HW.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> Broadband – Admin updated the board. Quotes have been sought for costs related to surveying & grant applied for. Admin has contacted the CC Chair to keep them informed of progress. Next meeting scheduled for 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Website – As yet, no contact from Fort PC. Admin to contact again. Just host fee has been paid.	Admin Admin
<b>4</b>	<b>Individual Grants</b> HW proposed cancelling the March grant meeting as no group applications have been received. All agreed Two new individual travel applications had been received ~ I-195-2015 - approved I-196-2015 - approved	
<b>5</b>	<b>Community Challenge</b> Highland Council is suggesting that we take on more grass cutting as part of the service level agreement. HW & DC are due to meet with HC this Friday, so prior to this, both HW & DC took a walk round Dalchreichart & Invermoriston Cemeteries & both felt even if downgraded, it would be too much extra work for us to take on. JM pointed out that we should be looking after both areas equally. HW explained that the grass cutting of these cemeteries was never in the original SLA. There are two memorial benches in very poor condition in these cemeteries; HW & DC suggested replacing them if family permission is sought. HW & DC asked the board if they agreed to try & obtain a three year SLA – All agreed.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Apprenticeship</b> There are three apprentices due to finish this year – 2 from FAGCC & 1 from Glengarry. HW has asked KS to sit on the apprenticeship board to replace Fiona McColl. Next meeting to be held soon. 1 potential application coming in.	

7	<p><b>Community Right to Buy</b></p> <p>There are changes coming in April 16 to the process that may involve further article changes. All agreed to get the required amount of signatures on the petition, Admin to start the application process &amp; get the application in to put a Community Right to Buy order on the old Convent Wood before changes come into effect. This would not mean that we would definitely buy it as funds may not allow but would mean that for the next 5 years, it could not be sold without the board being notified first.</p>	All Admin
8	<p><b>Notice Board</b></p> <p>Admin showed the board a mock-up of two styles of notice boards with the intention of putting it up near the fountain area in Fort Augustus. All agreed on the prestige version. DC to contact contractor about fitting it. Admin to order.</p>	DC Admin
10	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>HW went through a list of hall defects that admin had compiled. They have either been brought to our attention or defects that were noticed when a walk round was done. Quotes to be sought for works needing done.</p> <p>New member applications received ~</p> <p>Catherine Kennedy – approved</p> <p>Morna Clark – approved</p> <p>Fiona Shaw – approved</p> <p>Jenny Keane – approved</p> <p>Jean Brown – approved</p> <p>Karen Short – approved</p> <p>Stuart Davidson – approved</p> <p>Pamela Davidson – approved</p> <p>Helen Wilson – approved</p> <p>Christine Pinkerton – approved</p> <p>Mary Brown – approved</p> <p>Barbara Oliver – approved</p> <p>Margaret MacNally – approved</p> <p><b>Date of next meetings ~</b></p> <p><b>Business meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	