

# Minutes of Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company

## Grant Meeting

Held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Via Zoom

Board Directors present: Chair - Harry Whiteside (HW), David Campbell (DC), Felix Paterson (FP), Elizabeth MacEachen (EM), Lorn MacKay (LM), Derek Sumner (DS), Chris Nelson (CN), Ronald MacKenzie (RM)

Apologies: Jeff Dymond

In attendance: Chief Officer – Angela Williams (AW), SSE - Marianne Townsley (MT), Independent Assessor – Phil di Duca (PD) (attended items 1 and 4a only)

Minute taker: Karen Edwards (KE), Administrator

Item	Minute	Action									
1	<b>Welcome and apologies</b> HW welcomed the Directors and the special guests, Marianne from SSE and Phil di Duca the assessor of the grant G- 133-2020. Apologies received from Jeff Dymond, who was supportive of all 3 grants but it was noted that he had a conflict of interest for grant G-133-2020. HW then advised the Directors that we would be changing the order of the agenda slightly so that PD need only attend the relevant part. Agenda item 4a was discussed first, PD then left the meeting before the remaining attendees returned to the agenda planned.										
2	<b>Minutes from 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b> Approved by HW, seconded by DC										
3	<b>Matters Arising from previous minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KE Advised Christmas lights now set up in both communities.</li> <li>DC confirmed that the Fort Augustus Emergency Services Fund were happy that the money they had been bequeathed should be used for a 2<sup>nd</sup> defibrillator for Fort Augustus to be located at the new housing site, Caledonian Way, with a commemorative plaque. If any funds remain they could be used for maintenance of any of the defibrillators. HW asked that this be confirmed in writing and requested that a cost be obtained from Lucky2BHere.</li> </ul>	DC & KE									
4	<b>Group Grants</b> <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="3">Glenmoriston Millennium Hall</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Grant Ref</b></td><td><b>Requested</b></td><td><b>Decision</b></td></tr> <tr> <td>G-133-2020</td><td>£20,000</td><td>Approved</td></tr> </table> <p>Both HW and JD declared a conflict on this application.  Conditions –In order to release funds a written request must be received with explanation of reason for requirement.  Whilst the Board were wholly supportive of the project there was significant discussion around the robustness and sustainability of the toilets to ensure the Millennium Hall is not left with a problem once the project is delivered.  The Board were also keen to understand potential contingency plans in the</p>	Glenmoriston Millennium Hall			<b>Grant Ref</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Decision</b>	G-133-2020	£20,000	Approved	
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5	<p><b>Chief Officers report</b> AW gave a verbal report to the board on the current activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Housing is still requiring a lot of time to co-ordinate. The sub group are still working on the allocations process. The Directors were assured that no allocations have been made and the process will be transparent with a points based system. There are over 50 people on the list as it stands and all would be contacted around March next year once the allocations pack has been completed. It is hoped to share the allocations process with all Directors in early 2021 before it is put live. It was suggested that something be put on the next community newsletter about this and also a post on the community Facebook page along with a link to the new homes page.</li><li>• Resilience efforts continue with KE and SJ running the “Hospitality in the Hall” sessions. It is hoped that more funding may be available shortly. Larder boxes are becoming critical for some at this time of year and those who have previously needed this help are being pro-actively approached to check if they need more help. A new Christmas Butchers pack has been introduced.</li><li>• The 3 Glens Community Care Co-ordinator will be working out of the Medical Centre. The GP’s are hoping this will bring benefit to the community as they can work together to help those in need.</li><li>• The 4 new apprentices have all now started their college courses.</li><li>• SSE have now authorised the next drawdown of funds for the housing.</li></ul>	SJ																

6	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>The AGM will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021. It will be via Zoom. Members will be invited to attend in the usual way but will need to send us an email request to be included. A new gmail account has been set up to manage this. This AGM will cover the essential legalities but no supplementary presentations will be given at this time due to the limitations of the medium we will be using.</p> <p><b>Grant G -128-2019 Loch Ness &amp; Great Glen Recreation Development Group</b></p> <p>This group have just received the first draft of the feasibility study that the grant had funded. The Community Company have received a copy and there are some errors in the information provided about the Community Company which HW went through with the Directors. All approved HW &amp; AW to go back to the author &amp; the group, with the amendments that were necessary to provide an accurate representation of the facts.</p>	
8	<p><b>Date of next Meetings:</b></p> <p><b>5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Preparation for AGM via Zoom</b></p> <p><b>26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 AGM via Zoom</b></p>	