

Minutes of Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company

Grant Meeting

Held on Wednesday 8th December 2021
In Fort Augustus Village Hall

Board Directors present: Chair - Harry Whiteside (HW), Felix Paterson (FP), Elizabeth MacEachen (EM), Lorn MacKay (LM), Derek Sumner (DS), Jeff Dymond (JD)

Apologies: Chris Nelson (CN)

In attendance: Chief Officer – Ian Leaver (IL), Caroline Gregory

Minute taker: Karen Edwards (KE), Administrator

Item	Minute	Action																					
1	Welcome and apologies HW welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular Caroline Gregory who joined as a guest. Apologies were received from CN.																						
2	Minutes from 19th October 2021 These were proposed as an accurate record by HW and seconded by DS.																						
3	Matters Arising from previous minutes KE gave an update on the Christmas lights project. Highland Council had been instructed on the changes required in both Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston but had to date not carried out the work. They had indicated that it would be this week. The budget will have been fully utilised once this work is undertaken and the Community Council will be responsible for installation in future years.																						
4	Group Grants Both HW and EM declared a conflict of interest for the application by the Brownies and therefore did not participate in the decision on that grant. <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="3">Friends of Kilchuimen Academy – Ski lessons for whole school</td></tr> <tr> <td>Grant Ref</td><td>Requested</td><td>Decision</td></tr> <tr> <td>G-140-2021</td><td>£1,692.21</td><td>Approved at £1,800</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> Conditions – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If skiing is not possible this season the funds may be used for an alternative outdoor activity. All children must be included, the additional monies should help fund places for those who may need additional financial support. Recognition be given to the Community Company in any reports on the activity. </td></tr> </table> <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="3">Fort Augustus and area Gaelic Group – Beginner and intermediate Gaelic lessons. 3 Community Performances of “Songs of the Bards of the Glen” and production of video and audio recordings of these.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Grant Ref</td><td>Requested</td><td>Decision</td></tr> <tr> <td>G-141-2021</td><td>£5,070</td><td>Approved</td></tr> </table>	Friends of Kilchuimen Academy – Ski lessons for whole school			Grant Ref	Requested	Decision	G-140-2021	£1,692.21	Approved at £1,800	Conditions – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If skiing is not possible this season the funds may be used for an alternative outdoor activity. All children must be included, the additional monies should help fund places for those who may need additional financial support. Recognition be given to the Community Company in any reports on the activity. 			Fort Augustus and area Gaelic Group – Beginner and intermediate Gaelic lessons. 3 Community Performances of “Songs of the Bards of the Glen” and production of video and audio recordings of these.			Grant Ref	Requested	Decision	G-141-2021	£5,070	Approved	
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	<p>Conditions –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate local advertising. • Video and audio to be available to the community free of charge. • Nobody to be excluded due to financial constraint. • The video and audio recordings must be owned by the group. • Where an external organisation requests use of the audio recording, a royalty fee must be paid to the Gaelic Group for its use. • Recognition be given to the Community Company in all advertising and on the audio recording. <table border="1" data-bbox="240 533 1334 607"> <tr> <td colspan="3">1st Fort Augustus Brownies – For a theatre and Highland wildlife trip and to help fund books, badges and materials for weekly meetings.</td></tr> <tr> <th>Grant Ref</th><th>Requested</th><th>Decision</th></tr> <tr> <td>G-142-2021</td><td>£1,400</td><td>Approved</td></tr> </table> <p>Conditions –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit be given to the Community Company in all reports on activities. • To help with cashflow, these funds may be used initially to pay the groups subscription fees provide the funds are replaced as soon as it is possible to do so. <p>G- 133-2020 Glenmoriston Millennium Hall Toilets update HW advised the Directors that the new SCIO Committee had asked the 5 members of the hall toilet steering group to continue with the project to delivery. The Hall Committee were offered £180,000 RTIF funding for the whole project, including refurbishment, but they made the decision to turn down these funds. Following discussion, the Directors agreed that as a result of this decision a letter should be sent to the new SCIO Committee advising them that the grant previously awarded of £11,000 and a further £9,000 as contingency would still be available, provided the toilets are opened to the public for 20 years. However, they should be aware that as other grants had been refused the Community Company would not be prepared to support a grant application for toilet refurbishment within the next 20 years.</p> <p>Glenmoriston Children’s Party – A request was made by the Glenmoriston Improvement Group(GIG), now running the party, for a donation towards this. The decision had been made to run it too late for a grant application. The Directors approved a donation of £150 to be paid to GIG for this purpose. Unfortunately the Fort Augustus Children’s Party organisers do not have a bank account that complies with the requirement of needing two signatures and the same cannot be offered to them. They have however been offered the use of the Village Hall at no charge.</p>	1 st Fort Augustus Brownies – For a theatre and Highland wildlife trip and to help fund books, badges and materials for weekly meetings.			Grant Ref	Requested	Decision	G-142-2021	£1,400	Approved	
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5	<p>Approval of the accounts for year ending 31/3/21</p> <p>HW went through the set of draft accounts with Directors. She took time to explain the high level of transfers required this year. These are as a result of a combination of historic mis-postings, changes to the regulations for charity audits and the new auditors wanting to simplify things for the future.</p> <p>She explained that these draft accounts still need some minor adjustments but that is largely around adding explanations and will not affect the company valuation as shown.</p> <p>The Directors therefore approved the accounts.</p>										

	The Directors also approved giving HW and FP delegated authority to sign off on the final accounts.	HW /FP
6	AOCB 2 new membership applications were approved by Directors.	
8	Date of next Meetings: 18th January 2022 – Board Meeting 25th January 2022 – Annual General Meeting	