



Meeting Minutes

Held at: No 14, The Square, Rhynie

Tuesday 3 March 2015 8pm

Present: Averil Stewart , George Beverly, Mike Davies, Kate Hunter

1. Apologies for absence – Anne Lyne, Brian Crawford, Debbi Beeson

2. Review of last meetings minutes and actions

3. Update on meeting with John & Sheila Wilson, Gordon Arms Hotel, Rhynie

- George and Averil attended a meeting with John and Sheila to try and understand exactly what they were looking for from the sale of the hotel and what was included in the asking price of £249,000. The valuation that had been received from D M Hall was £210,000 but this did not include moveables and good will based on the current business. John advised that they were looking for £239k. They confirmed that if we were unable to raise the full amount that they would settle on around £180. They were happy to give us an interest free loan for the balance for up to 10 years .

4. Gordon Arms Hotel Inventory

- Value of Inventory £12k

5. Planning – Colin Reid

- George still to speak to his contact over next couple of weeks to get further information .
- North boundary will not detract from daylight so it is not felt that the creation of this window will affect ant plans going forward

6. Crowdfunding – Update from Mike

- Mike had done some further investigating on this and had spoken to one crowd funding group in particular. It would appear that although we had previously thought that they would assist us to raise the monies required, that we would have to do all the work, with daily actions required to advertise in the correct places. No one at the meeting felt that we had time to commit to this, nor did they think it was realistic to pay a company money for effectively ‘holding’ the money raised. We have therefore decided not to go with this idea.
- Mike is now going to look at how we go about creating a Just Giving page and the costs associated and we will try to raise some money via facebook and some other channels.

7. Merchandising

- i. Pens – Averil has received a sample of pens, but not the best quality so will request some others and if everyone is in agreement will order a supply printed with RCT details
- ii. Keyring Torches – Averil to look at ordering these with RCT details
- iii. Calender – Anne is already doing a calendar this year so the previous suggestion for RCT to do one has been scrapped. We will however look at doing some pictures/canvases showing old and new views of the village. It is hoped that we can have these ready to go on sale at the Gala.
- iv. T-Shirts – still looking into this – potentially with Rhynie Song verses on back
- v. Umbrellas – Averil received a sample of an umbrella – it's not the best quality, but will take along to the next meeting

8. AGM Notice

- AGM notice will need to be in 21 days before AGM. We are aiming for AGM to be held middle of April – 19th.
- Following advice from the Solicitor George and Averil will need to step down. We will discuss further at next meeting but the hope is that they will be co-opted back on so that they can continue to assist at this important time.
- Averil to arrange for accounts to be sent to the Accountant so that the finalised versions are available for the AGM
- We need to agree the wording and points that need to go on this notice – to be discussed fully at next meeting
- Mike to covert the Memorandum of Articles into Word format so that everyone can review and add changes where they feel necessary

9. Update from George on meeting with Aberdeenshire West MSP Dennis Roberston

- Dennis Robertson liked the project and has said that he is happy to put his name to it. George to arrange through Colin Mumford for him to be contacted to try and get something in writing.
- George also to speak to Christine Jardine and Mr Clark to see if they can provide their backing

10. Raise awareness of project

- George to contact Pat (Huntly Express) to see if she can come along to our next meeting and discuss if an article / update can go in the paper
- Website – More changes are required to the website and Averil to arrange for Colin Mumford to attend so that we can discuss these as a group
- School visit – maybe after the AGM
- May Day – It was suggested that we hold a fund raising event on Saturday 2 May with a couple of options discussed being Bubble Football and It's a Knockout. Averil to look at possibilities

11. AOCB

- Business Plan – Averil had a call from Sinclair Brown to advise that he has asked Hazel Allen, another consultant within the firm to assist with the Business Plan. Hazel has experience of writing plans for the Scottish Land fund and has good knowledge of the industry as a whole.
- George to speak to Daviot Hall to see if we can arrange a visit.
- George to speak to Grant Mackie to see if we can get anything in writing from him about any potential donations
- Cycle Event – Kate as contacted regarding a Cycle Event that is coming through the village on Sunday 22 September 2015. They are looking to support local community projects and have asked when is suitable to come along and do a presentation to the village. We have agreed this could be done on the same day as the next meeting – 17th March

Minutes Proposed:

Minutes Seconded:

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