

Agenda

Held at: No 14, The Square, Rhynie

Tuesday 23 June 2015

- **Apologies for absence**
 - George Beverley, Anne Lyne
- **Review of last meetings minutes and actions**
- **Update on meeting with John and Sheila Wilson**
 - Averil provided an update on the meeting with Jon and Sheila . We have advised them that funding (should we get it) is not likely to be received until the end of the year. We discussed options available with regards leasing, but they did not want to go down this route, as it might affect their plans to apply for 'change of use' should the funding not go through. They have however said that we can use the hall whenever we want for fund raising and just need to let them know when we have anything planned
- **AB54 Newsletter**
 - Averil had a copy of this at the meeting. There is the possibility of using this to get our message across or simply just to highlight upcoming events. We don't believe anyone in the village sends articles in for this newsletter, but it is something to bear in mind for the future
- **Foundation Scotland / Vatenfall**
 - Averil had a call with Foundation Scotland who had some questions that they needed answered ahead of their forthcoming meeting. They appeared comfortable with our plans to take in an experienced management couple, rather than trying to run it ourselves. Email was received from Iain Catto on 22 June confirming the following:
At the meeting of the Clashindarroch Community Fund last week the Panel agreed to invite the Trust to submit a second stage application to the panel for consideration at its meeting in October. The deadline for submission is 5 September 2015 and the application form and guidance notes can be found on their website. The panel specifically made 2 points:
 1. They would like to see the completed business plan
 2. How did we arrive at the figure of £60k
- **Just Giving**
 - Mike has this all set up and ready to go. Averil will look to start this off with a donation and hopefully others will follow. Mike has prepared a letter for issue to all householders asking them for donations. Response to this will give us a clearer picture on how much support there is for our plans.
 - Mike to let Averil know how much he is due back as he has paid some of these costs himself.

- **Pictures / Canvases**
 - Mike had an example of a photograph with him, but wanted to speak to George further on this. As George couldn't make the meeting he will catch up with him later.
- **Business Plan**
 - This is still with Hazel. One of the things that she is waiting for from us is letters from those who propose to use the hall both in the near future or after it has been fully redeveloped. Debbi is to contact the community groups and invite them round to her house to discuss as this might be easier than trying to get everyone together at the same time. As of writing only 1 community group had responded to her email
 - Averil to send Debbi a list of email addresses for the groups
- **Scottish Land Fund Application**
 - Still some work to be done on this, but a lot of the detail will need to come from the business plan . Averil has been working on this and will continue to do so over the next few weeks
- **New email addresses**
 - Mike has set up new email addresses for us within the new Rhynie Charitable Trust Website.
 - It was agreed that we would all start using these as soon as possible, but if anyone has any issues, just give Mike a shout and he will help with set up
 - Mike to let Averil know how much he is due in respect of fees he has already paid out for this
 - Averil to try and sort out Internet Banking so that we can pay this type of fee electronically
- **Fund raising - Colin Neesom**
 - Colin has very kindly offered to join the group and help out where he can with fund raising. His initial plan is to get a letter off to local businesses to see if they can offer any support to us. After that he will look at arranging some events - but will write to residents to see which type of event they would be interest in attending
 - Averil will arrange for a draft letter to be typed up to go out with the Just Giving letters - will suggest a number of options for events.
- **Community Shares**
 - Debbi made a number of calls about community shares and will continue to pursue this. It would appear that this is a really good option and if sold properly could go some way to providing start up costs for the hotel.
 - Community Shares Scotland links to a Crowd Funding website called - Micro Genius. There are costs affiliated with this but Debbi will follow up
 - Debbi to contact Diane at DTAS to see if there is any assistance that they can provide
 - Debbi had discussed our plans with Nick Mardall at Marr Area Partnership who has provided the following details:
 - i. Following our discussion the other day, here is some of the information I mentioned on the phone.
The information re the community shares support for setting up are Jon Halle at Shareenergy info@shareenergy.coop and Dave Hollings at Cooperative and Mutual Solutions dave@cms.coop
By all means speak with them but do inform Community Shares Scotland that you are seeking support because they may advise you in a certain direction

that could be funded and if you start the ball rolling with either of the two guys above it may negate paid support by Community Share Energy.

Sunart Community Hydro have raised £800,000 and would be happy to discuss their strategy for raising funds the contact is Dale Meegan

info@sunartcommunityrenewables.org.uk

Braemar Community Hydro would also be happy to come and meet your board if you decide to go down the community share route and give some benefit of their experience. I work with Braemar so just let me know and I will put you in touch with them.

Just phone or email me any time if you have any other questions. I am happy to answer your questions however mundane or simple you may think them

- **AOCB**

- Due to work commitments the demands of this project are getting more difficult for the board to cope with and it was felt that we needed to try and get someone on board who we could pay to do much of the work. We should be able to find some funding for this and will look at over the coming weeks. Ideally the person that we get would need to share the same vision as us and preferably would be someone in the local area.