



Meeting Minutes

Held at: No 14, The Square, Rhynie

Tuesday 14 July 2015 8pm

Present: Averil Stewart , George Beverly, Debbi Beeson,

1. **Apologies for absence – Anne Lyne, George Beverly, Kate Hunter, Hazel McLaren**
2. **Review of last meetings minutes and actions**
3. **Just Giving:** The Just Giving site is now up and running. Residents will be advised by way of letter that is due to go out
4. **Gala Stall:** It was felt that we should try for 2 tables this year. One which would have RCT information / merchandise for sale and one to raise funds for the Gala. Thoughts for the Gala stall are as follows but need to ensure this has been agreed with the Gala Committee:
 - a. Football Game – Can we have this checked to make sure it is still suitable. Also need to check if there are still footballs in the Gala vans
 - b. Slush Puppy Machine
 - c. Ice Cream
5. **Pictures / Canvases:** Mike to speak to George to see if this can be progressed in time for the Gala
6. **Business Plan:** Still being worked on by Hazel and Skype call held to go over some missing points:
 - a. Discussions covered what would happen if SLF were unable to come up with the monies and it was suggested that we need to seriously consider a Benefit Society for the running of the hotel.
 - b. We are still waiting confirmation from Munro if the funding falls under State Aid
 - c. Debbi passed on details of the call that she had with Andrew Prendergast of the Plunkett Foundation. As Debbi is heading off on holiday, Averil agreed to take this forward and will arrange a call for later in the week.
 - d. The possibility of using the playing fields as our site was also discussed as were some of the items that Hazel is awaiting in order to finalise the plan.
 - e. As the change of use is going through we need to come up with a paper that would explain why the land would be unsuitable to build a multi purpose hall . The fact that this would cause a number of complaints from those surrounding the land would not in itself be a barrier to exploring this as an option.
 - f. Debbi also talked about a site called Micro Genius which might prove useful in the future when trying to raise funds.

7. **Scottish Land Fund Application:** Averil is still working on this and hopes to have it completed by the next meeting. Much of the information that goes into this can be taken from the Business Plan but as this is not yet finalised it is taking longer than expected to complete. Munro is on holiday for 2 weeks and back mid August so it would be good to have this ready for then
8. New e-mail addresses: are ready to be used and Mike can help with set up if anyone is struggling.
9. **Fund raising** – Colin Neesom – Colin had some good ideas for raising funds:
 - a. **100 Club £1 per week** – drawn last Saturday of each month
 - i. Prizes: 1st £100 2nd and 3rd prizes
 - ii. Could raise around £2,500 per annum
 - b. **Bonus Ball: £2 per go – Saturday weekly**
 - i. **Winner gets half, RCT gets half so would raise around £49 per week**
 - c. **Numbers/ Lottery game:** Start with 16 numbers and carbonised paper. Each person would pay £2 to select 4 numbers. If all their numbers come out they win the prize. If no one matches numbers rolls over to the following week.
 - d. Averil to investigate what we can and can't do being a Charity. i.e. Do we need to be licensed?
 - e. Need to establish how we go about selling these tickets. Can we sell them at the Corner Shop?
 - f. All above options to be included in the letter to householders to see which ones would interest them.
 - g. Letters to Businesses: Of the 28 letters that Colin issued only 2 responded. 1 said they receive a lot of requests and are unable to assist. Another one said that it could provide 5X£10 vouchers for a raffle.
10. **AOCB - Aberdeenshire Council**
 - a. Mike is pulling together some information that we require for the application to Aberdeenshire Council for a Business Development Grant of £10k.

Minutes Proposed:

Minutes Seconded: