



## Meeting Minutes

Held at: No.14, The Square, Rhynie

Date: Wed. 24 Jan. 2018, 7:30pm.

Present: Mike Davies, Averil Stewart, Colin Neesom, Colin Mumford, George Beverly, Debbi Beeson

Apologies:

Also present: Hilary Ridge, Paul Robinson, Annette Brooks Rooney, Annika Lothe

### Action:

- 1 Review of last meetings minutes and actions.  
Last meeting minutes were reviewed and signed as a fair record of the meeting.
- 2 Other persons present were attending for information.
  - a) Community Halls  
MD and CM gave a brief resume of the position with regard to the various halls in the village. The committee is presently progressing enquiries about the three possible halls. In the short term RCT is supporting a Mothers and Toddlers group to use No.14.
  - b) Wheedlemont Wind Turbine Fund  
The formation of a panel to seek for suitable projects, adjudicate and award funds from the Wind Farm was discussed. It was agreed that it seems superfluous to set up a new organisation for this purpose and it could be managed through the existing Trust. It was confirmed that there should be no difficulty with the panel being a sub-committee of the main Board and that the funds could be managed through the RCT bank account as restricted funds.  
MD advised that he had received sample documentation from HDDT and had made amendments to suit the documents to the new Wind Farm fund. These would be circulated to the panel members and discussed at their next meeting on 1 Feb. **MD**  
Following this the other persons left the meeting and further committee business was conducted. Annika Lothe remained in the meeting and was co-opted as a Board member.
- 3 Community Hall project planning  
CM advised that he was awaiting a surveyor who would provide a pre-sale valuation. Following this a letter from the Lodge should be provided to RCT confirming the details of their offer. **CM**  
CN tabled a letter received from the owners of the Gordon Arms Hotel. This sets out the details of two options for the lease/purchase of the property to RCT, otherwise it will be sent to auction. The valuation of the property was discussed and the feeling was that it was now less than the figure the owners were seeking, bearing in mind that it has now been empty for two years. GB noted that unofficial contacts with Foundation Scotland suggested that the funds we were previously awarded may still be available; we could look again at the previous application.  
It was agreed that we should seek the comments of the members and residents before proceeding and an event to this end was proposed for 23 Feb. This would be a pop-up bar evening in No. 14. **All**

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It was agreed that CN should respond to the letter as a courtesy, indicating that we might consider the option to purchase but without commitment as we would need to seek the approval of members and also start a new process of fund application.

**CN**

4 Paths project update.

MD noted that work on this project is continuing with route inspection and discussions regarding the assistance of Cairngorm Outdoor Access Trust.

**MD**

GB offered contact details for a paths officer on the Dorenell Wind Farm project whose work might be complementary to this project.

**GB**

5 Entertainment licencing

MD has made no further progress with contact with a Licencing Officer to establish the requirement for licencing for events such as bingo. Information from the Aberdeenshire Council website indicates that a licence would be required for any public entertainment. AS suggested we might consider a general licence for entertainment to cover all events. AS agreed to contact the Council.

**AS**

AOCB

1. MD has contacted Marr Area Partnership regarding community engagement and has a meeting with Roisin Daly on 25 Jan. 2018.

**MD**

Date of next meeting: Wed. 7 March 2018. Venue: No.14 The Square, Rhynie

Signed .....

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