



Meeting Minutes

Held at: No.14, The Square, Rhynie

Date: Tues. 5 July 2018, 7:30pm.

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

Apologies: Annika Lothe

Action:

- 1 Review of last meetings minutes and actions.
Last meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted as a fair record of the meeting. Amended minutes for the last meeting were also signed off.
- 2 Event planning
Planning for future events were discussed and the following dates were agreed:
Pop-up pub evening for 24th December **AS**
Hogmenay evening 31st December.
- 3 Community Hall project
MD suggested a final attempt could be made to discuss the Congregational Hall with the Masons. He would contact the Master to see if a meeting might be worthwhile. **MD**
MD met with Hazel MacLaren of Aberdeenshire Council on 25 May to explore options for the Educational Hall. AC would be interested in some form of Community Asset Transfer (CAT) but this would most likely be an agreed rental as the School may have use for the building in the future. This would seriously restrict RCT ability to attract funding for any work on the building. In addition, the playground area would be retained by the School which would limit access and parking. An option to demolish and rebuild was floated by MD and this could be of interest but would have to be a fully developed and costed proposal for consideration by the Council. The general consensus was that the Hall was no longer an attractive option.
GB noted an approach by Alan Macintosh for the sale of a field at the easy end of the village. This could provide for a new-build hall. CM also commented that plots on the adjacent industrial estate are also listed as available for CAT; he could make enquiries. **CM**
- 4 Wheedlemont Turbine Fund
MD updated on progress with the panel and documentation. HDDT have said that the developer has agreed their terms and conditions which should enable the RCT/HDDT agreement to be completed and signed. The money for the first tranche is currently held by HDDT. Donald also advised that the developers had miscalculated the amount of the Community Fund but this would not affect money already paid over. **MD**

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5 Rhynie Chert SSSI

MD reported a meeting on 16 June 2018 with Donald Boyd of HDDT and Gavin Clark of SNH regarding the Rhynie Chert SSSI. SNH currently manage the site and would welcome any interest RCT may have in it's future development. The site presently has annual grazing rented which provides a small income sufficient to cover current costs. SNH are open to suggestions/involvement from RCT. Part of the site is planted with trees and there is a small pond. MD/DB suggested the possibility of a pathway to link to the Tap O Noth path, information boards and the opening up of the planted area.

It was agreed RCT should look at the possible uses and liaise with SNH.

DB/MD

GB noted that there may be some money available from the Community Council to assist with this.

6 AGM

AS advised that the accounts were now prepared and a date for the AGM should be fixed. The date was agreed as Thursday 6 September 2018. Notice of the meeting should be sent to members no later than 16 August. Details for the notice and meeting will be set at the next Board meeting.

AOCB

1. DB advised that Gordon Noble of Aberdeen University is looking at moving Pictish artifacts to the Square in August. This is part of the archaeological work going on this year.

An information board for the Square was discussed. GB mentioned an old 3 sided notice board which might be reinstated. CM noted that he might have access to a digital information centre (PC, screen and keyboard) as used at the Olympics.

GB/CM

2. CM offered to take on the membership duties. AS to send members list to

AS/CM

CM

Date of next meeting: Tuesday. 31 July, 7:30pm. Venue: No.14 The Square, Rhynie

Signed

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