



Meeting Minutes

Held at: No.14, The Square, Rhynie

Date: Tues. 8 January 2019, 7:30pm.

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

Apologies: George Beverly, Averil Stewart

Absent: Annika Lothe – has missed the past 3 meetings, MD to contact in regard to para.37.6 of Articles of Association

MD

Action:

- 1 Review of last meetings minutes and actions.

MD admitted to confusion regarding the date of the last meeting. All agreed that the last meeting was the AGM in September 2018 and, prior to that, 5 July 2018. MD to check with AS last signed minutes.

MD

- 2 Treasurer's Report

MD explained that he would like to get an overview of the current level of funds and details of the restricted funds within the account to understand what money is available. In the absence of AS CN was able to advise that the account balance at 21/12/18 was £31,255.

AS

- 3 Community Hall project

CM asked whether any response has been received from Stuart Morrison, Masons, to MD emails 6 & 16 July 2018 suggesting a meeting to resolve matters regarding the Congregational Hall. MD confirmed no response, in light of which it was agreed that this matter be deemed concluded.

MD & CM reported trying to complete the form to register an interest in community acquisition of sites adjacent to Books Abroad. It was agreed that the relevant form should be submitted as this only registers an interest and is not necessarily committing.

CM/MD

CM expressed some concern that the issue of a community hall has become of less interest to many Rhynie residents. MD & DB concurred. CN also noted that the question of what RCT does has been voiced by several residents he has had contact with. It was agreed that we should look at making progress on smaller projects which will raise the visibility of RCT.

- 4 Wheedlemont Turbine Fund

MD updated on progress with the RCT/HDDT agreement to be completed and signed. The final form of the agreement has been reached and it remains to get this signed. It is planned for this to be done on Monday 14 January. This will enable the money for the first tranche, currently held by HDDT, to be transferred to RCT. The money for the second year should have become available in December 2018 but the amount has not yet been advised. It is hoped that this might be included with the previous year's money.

MD

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5 Review of projects

MD noted that a number of small projects are ongoing and suggested these be reviewed to see how they can be progressed:

100 club – CN reported that membership is currently 79 and he would like to build this up to the full 100. In 2018, £4640 was distributed in prizes and £1695 retained by RCT. The total income to RCT since the start is £5532. He requested assistance with distribution of a promotional letter.

All

No.14 – a grant was awarded for the installation of storage space at No.14 which has been put towards ongoing work by GB at the rear of the hall. A shed has been obtained which will be erected to provide storage space.

GB

The Mums and Toddlers group is still meeting in No.14 but is no longer receiving support from RCT with room rental. We should look for other groups which might be offered similar assistance to use this venue.

DB

Rhynie Chert SSSI – MD has confirmed to Gavin Clarke of SNH that RCT is interested in improving this site. One suggestion is to install access into the planted area at the southern end from A941 Essie Road and develop paths through the trees similar to Moss Wood. Also a pathway up the site to Windyfield road as part of a longer path up Tap o Noth.

MD/DB

Tap o Noth path – ongoing wish to improve the path from the car park up to the deer fence. GB/CM noted a request for funding to TONCC to pay for path improvement and fencing. This will also await a new landowner expected imminently.

MD/GB

A new path from the village is being investigated to extend from the Chert SSSI/Windyfield road to the existing path on the open ground above the fields. This will require negotiation with landowners in regard to the route/access. DB & MD have offered to investigate this route with a walkover.

DB/MD

Kingdom of the Picts path – MD reported progress with this project. Negotiations with estates on the desired high level route have proved difficult. This still being addressed, In the meantime low-level link tracks to the villages are being reviewed. Trade marking the name has been applied for. Workshops in primary schools have been completed to develop one or more logos for the pathway.

MD

AOCB

1. CN noted that Diane Mathieson has indicated an availability to assist the board if required.

Date of next meeting: Monday, 15 April 2019, 7:30pm. Venue: No.14 The Square, Rhynie

Signed

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