



MEETING MINUTES

Held at: Muir Cottage, Rhynie

Thursday 7th April 2016 7:30pm

Present: Averil Stewart; Mike Davies; Colin Neesom; Debbi Beeson; Vicki Grant

1. Apologies for Absence – George Beverly
2. Review of last meeting's minutes and actions log
 - Averil to pick up on outstanding items from last meeting
3. Email from Diane Mathieson
 - Due to work commitments Diane has advised that she will no longer be able to come along to the meetings. She has advised however that she may be able to help out on an occasional basis
4. We welcomed Vicki Grant along to the meeting so that she could see what we were all about and decide if she would like to join.
5. Colin Mumford provided an update on the Rhynie Masonic Community Hall
 - Plastering nearly completed in Harmony which is the room that the Masons mainly use for their meetings
 - Mike confirmed that a quote had been received from Andrew Brown. £1,945 + expenses. This includes structural report, renewables report and exploration of available funding – for example – CARS – Conservation and Renovation was used at Portsoy for the now completed Boat Shed
 - Mike phoned re Health funding – Active communities who advised minimum £5k. It is not suitable for Capital Funding
 - Debbi suggested that it would be good to get Bruce Mann (Heritage) in on any meetings regarding the hall and discussions with Andrew Brown.
6. Community Questionnaire
 - Colin has confirmed that he has completed the half of the village that was allocated to him, but we need to identify someone who could take on the other half as the whole process has been very time consuming.
 - Mike has mostly completed his half, but George has been unable to work on the other outlying houses that we looked to target.
7. RCT New Members
 - Following on from visits to householders to complete the questionnaires a number of new members have joined up.
8. RCT 100 Club
 - Again new members have signed up
 - March winners have been notified and details added to facebook
 - Averil to add advert for 100 Club to Rhynie Online Facebook page
9. Community Action Plan
 - Debbi provided some detail on this and advised it would be a good idea to get a Community Action Plan in place for Rhynie. It has been suggested that Anna Verheremen may be willing to assist with this and Debbi is to speak further to her on the matter.
 - Anna Verherem is Director of Timespan and holds a Post Grad degree in Development Management. She is looking to work on something in this area and is willing to come on board and draw up a visionary plan. She would fund raise for her own position. We need to check if any changes are required to the memorandum to accommodate this
10. Marr Area Partnership
 - It was brought to our attention that we hadn't yet claimed the £1000 from Marr Area Partnership that was agreed last year. Mike to chase this up and send over any necessary paperwork. Monies now received
11. Rhynie Online

- Averil advised that she was approached by Paul who would like the restricted Rhynie Online Monies to be paid out to the school and the gala now that the Website has closed. Majority of the money held came from the gala in the first instance. £350 to go to the school to take the kids out for the day. Remainder to be paid to the gala to bring some decent attractions to the event this year with a view to attracting more visitors
12. Rhynie Gala
- We discussed a number of options for RCT's gala stall this year. Debbi suggested the Harris could perhaps do a Unicycle demonstration. No decision was reached but it was felt that we would need to use the opportunity to fully promote RCT. In addition to any games that we decide on for the day we will also be trying to encourage new members to the Trust and the RCT 100 Club
 - It was also acknowledged that we would need some volunteers to help out on our stall this year
 - Mike to find out about the Bike Track that can now be hired from Aberdeenshire Council
13. RCT AGM
- Deadline for AGM is 28th Huly.
 - AGM Notice – 21 clear days must be given.
 - Mike to type up some suggested changes to the articles that can be presented at the meeting
14. Fundraising
- Race Night – Colin provided an update on his thoughts for a Race Night and all were in agreement to go ahead with this later in the year.
 - Averil suggested a Whisky Tasting event and would look into costs
15. Finance
- Rhynie Online Monies – as previously discussed
 - Daluaine Gardens Monies – these are currently restricted. George Beverly to speak to Mrs Crighton
 - Car Aid Monies – Due to the amount of funds held Car Aid Rhynie have now created a separate charity and once monies transferred over will take over the finance and reporting piece.
16. AOCB
- Colin Mumford advised that as Gadies had closed and reopened they were looking for a new home for a miniature Rhynie Man Replica and asked if it would be of any use to us. We all agreed that we would love to have it and were sure that we would be able to find somewhere to display it.
 - Community Education Centre: The council have been putting out feelers to see if anyone was willing to take on the Community Centre. This was being discussed at Tap O Noth Community Council Meeting and due to Health and Safety the hall can't be used. Although we are aware that at least part of it is to be used as a Polling Station in May
 - Averil to send on Investing in Ideas paperwork to Mike. Looking to try for further funding for the next project.
 - Mike to look into Windfarm Funding that is coming up
 - Vicki mentioned that the signage in the village was poor and that perhaps we need to look into that. There is no mention that Rhynie is on the Whisky Trail – might be worth contacting Visit Scotland for Tourist Signs
 - At the end of the meeting it was agreed that we would co-opt Colin Mumford and Vicki Grant on to the Board and if they so wish they can stand for election at the next AGM

Proposed:

Seconded: