



## Meeting Minutes

Held at: No.14, The Square, Rhynie

Date: Wed. 10 May 2017, 7:30pm.

Present: Mike Davies, Debbi Beeson, Colin Neesom, Colin Mumford.

Apologies: Averil Stewart, George Beverly

### Action:

- 1 Review of last meetings minutes and actions.  
Last meeting minutes were reviewed and signed as a fair record of the meeting.
- 2 Congregational Church project planning  
CM reported on a meeting of the Masonic Lodge which discussed the plans for the hall. He advised that the decision taken by the meeting was to obtain a valuation for the hall and then to present an offer to RCT for the transfer of the premises.  
It was recognised that this is somewhat different to what had been previously discussed but it was agreed that we should wait for the offer to be made and then consider the next action. CM
- 3 Marr Area Committee grant  
Grants are available from the Marr Area Committee of Aberdeenshire Council towards projects for the improvement of local communities. These can be either up to £4000 or up to £10000. MD suggested that an application might be made towards the costs of acquisition of the hall. As this is now pending the offer from the Masons it was decided to wait for the time being.
- 4 Marr Area Partnership Community funding  
MD has attended further meetings with MAP and representatives of other communities with a view to applications for funding through the 'Participatory Budgeting Scheme'. Four projects have been identified which have been submitted as 'Expressions of Interest'. These are now being developed into full project submissions.  
The four are: Community paths, Community Transport, Outdoor Classrooms and Support for the Vulnerable.  
MD has expressed particular interest in the paths project as this would also tie in with other discussions and projects which have been proceeding with other communities. MD
- 5 'Kingdom of the Picts' project  
DB and MD attended a meeting with representatives of Lumsden, Glenkindie and Glenbuchat concerning collaborative projects to develop connections between communities and tourism under the banner of Pictish heritage. This would also connect with the paths project under the PB funding. It was proposed to set up a website for this purpose and DB and MD agreed that RCT would facilitate the hosting of the site. DB, MD  
DB noted that she is in regular discussion (as part of Rhynie woman) with Dr. Gordon Noble (archaeologist) with regard to the development of heritage/tourism projects. There will be continuing excavations this year for 2-3 weeks commencing after the Gala.

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6 Paths4All grant

Grants are available from the Paths4All organisation for work on local pathways to benefit the community. Up to £1500 is available but must be matched by volunteer support.

GB & MD suggested that an application could be made for funding to improve a section of the Tap o Noth pathway near the car park. This was agreed and an 'Expression of Interest' should be submitted by 19 May.

**MD, GB**

AOCB

a) AS has indicated that, while she is happy to continue as Secretary and Treasurer, she is finding difficulty in attending meetings. The valuable contribution made by AS was recognised. CN suggested that it might be useful to identify anyone who may be available and willing to assist the work of the Board.

**All**

b) DB suggested that a members newsletter should be circulated to update members on current projects. It was felt it would not be appropriate to make a presentation to members regarding the Congregational Hall at this time.

**MD**

Date of next meeting: Tues. 4 July 2017. Venue No.14, The Square, Rhynie

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