## Minute of the Board Meeting of Culbokie Community Trust on

## Monday 23rd January 2017

**Present:** Penny Edwards, Mark Douglas, Richard Fyfe, Bruce Morrison, Lesley Murray, Alison Petch, Sarah Southcott

Apologies: Ian MacIver, Jillian Munro, Marilyn Richards

Lesley Murray was warmly welcomed to her first meeting and introductions made

Item	Discussion	Action
Minutes of last meetings	28-11-16 Approved as a correct record Proposed by Bruce and seconded by Mark	
Matters Arising	<ul> <li>Company Secretary – a successor to Ian still needs to be identified</li> <li>Land adjacent to shop – Highland Council was uncertain as to ownership so a full Land Registry search has been initiated with a response awaited</li> <li>Shared space – the latest thinking will continue to be tracked</li> </ul>	Penny Bruce
Glascairn Community Project Update	a. Progress report on CU1 A meeting has been arranged with a potential developer on Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January. Bruce, Mark, Richard and Penny will attend. The potential negotiating position was discussed and the need to be precise as to the nature of affordable housing and the potential options. It was agreed to stress the desire to work in partnership towards common goals and to work to ensure both parties would benefit from integrating the two sites.	Penny Bruce Mark Richard
	b. Community building Penny and Bruce had met with High Life Highland who had stressed the importance of activities as a trigger to use of the café. The meeting endorsed the list of potential activities that had been drawn up and the need to consider the space requirements; these highlight the need for flexibility in the design of the spaces within the building. The need to consider the spaces available across the village assets and to maximise opportunities and avoid duplication was agreed.	
	c. Phase 1 business plan Bruce will present a progress report to the February Board meeting, including a number of 'what if' scenarios. Mark will advise as agreed on guideline figures, if possible by 28 January.	Bruce Mark
	d. LEADER funding The deadline for submissions for the funding with a 2019 end point is 31 January 2017; Penny had been asked if CCT wished to proceed with their outline to a full submission. Given the current uncertainty, Penny will enquire whether it is possible to maintain our interest.	Penny
Culbokie	Attendance at the January market had been 86, with a sense they were 'serious shoppers'. The market was now branded as	

Community Market	Culbokie rather than Ferintosh to clarify the location. The Pizza Box proved very popular and continued supplying into the evening.	
Woods Group	The pre Christmas work party had attracted 25 individuals and had made an excellent job of path clearing.	
History Group	The group's activities were continuing with the next meeting to take place on 28 February.	
Culbokie Gathering	Bruce and Penny had attended the recent discussion on a potential model for the Gathering. The Resolis headteacher was very positive about the suggestion of alternating between the two communities, with a preference not to be exactly the same as their Country Fair. Current thinking appeared to favour a possible games orientation, with the School taking the lead on an afternoon event in September. The School would be the main beneficiary and we await their decision on how they wish to proceed. The possibility of individual fundraising by different organisations was discussed. The Board agreed that if CCT is involved, we should be mindful of not over-stretching our limited resources and of our own fund-raising needs.	
Health Walking	The first walk on 7 January had attracted five people. The group has been renamed 'Walk Culbokie' and the second walk will take place on 28 January at 10.30.	
Village tidiness + cleanliness	A replacement for managing the dog fouling had been found. Lesley Robb will manage the plant tubs outside the shop and CCT will take on maintenance of other tubs. Richard was organising a litter pick by the church on 25 March, coinciding with their soup lunch.	
Finance Admin	<ul> <li>a. There was no financial report to discuss</li> <li>b. Unauthorised spending – none</li> <li>c. External examiner – As agreed at the AGM, five organisations had been invited to tender for the role of external examiner. Three responses had been received. That from Frame Kennedy was substantially better value than the other two; it was therefore agreed to appoint Frame Kennedy to be External Examiners for the current year under delegated authority from members.</li> </ul>	Penny
Admin	<ul> <li>a. Training opportunities – Sarah will attend the legacy training in Nairn on 15 February. A two day session on trading subsidiaries is on offer from James Hilder on 21-22 February.</li> <li>b. Transparency – it was agreed that the approved Board minutes and the annual accounts should be placed on the website.</li> </ul>	Sarah Sarah Penny
Communicatio ns/Fundraising	<ul> <li>a. Christmas event – this was necessarily overshadowed by the death of Willis that day. Nonetheless the event was judged a success – though a slightly shorter tree might be advisable!</li> <li>b. Spring/summer events at Glascairn? It was agreed to hold off from organising further events at the current time.</li> </ul>	

	<ul> <li>However the possibility of installing a picnic bench as previously discussed was revived. Richard will check potential sources.</li> <li>c. Fund-raising – Paper 6 was discussed, highlighting the importance of having independent cash resources. It was agreed in principle to work towards a fundraising strategy, with Lesley, Sarah, Alison and Penny convening as a separate group.</li> <li>Bruce suggested the possibility of running a garden refuse collection service and the pros and cons of this were discussed. Richard will investigate potential legal implications.</li> </ul>	Richard Lesley Sarah Alison Penny Richard
Membership and Recruitment	<ul> <li>a. The revised membership form was approved. This combines the application form and the gift aid form in one document.</li> <li>b. It was agreed that a letter on renewed membership would be delivered to all Members in February. Bruce and Mark would arrange the delivery, drawing on others as required. The letter will include the opportunity to make a donation. Albyn had agreed to meet the printing costs and were thanked for this in-kind contribution to CCT.</li> <li>c. Membership report - 6 new full Members have joined, bringing the total number of full Members to 156 and a total membership of 215.</li> </ul>	Bruce Mark All
AOB	It was agreed that we should not use photos on the website including children without specific permission. In future, notice should be given whenever photography is intended to allow people to opt out.	All
Date of next Meeting(s)	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Bruce's, 16 Balnatua Mon 27 March 2017 – Jillian's (tbc)	Jillian