

Minute of the Board Meeting of Culbokie Community Trust on

Monday 21st March 2022

Present: Richard Fyfe (chair), Alison Petch, Angie Morris, Penny Edwards, Jillian Munro, Marilyn Richards

Apologies: Mark Douglas, Paul Wadge, Seb O'Dell

Item	Discussion	Action
Minutes of last meetings	21-02-22 Approved as a correct record. Proposed by Angie and seconded by Alison.	
Matters Arising not on main agenda	None.	
Glascairn Community Project Update	<p>Culbokie Green Work has begun on preparing materials for the Shelter and engineering design. Delay by Tullochs in clearing the area for the natural play equipment is causing concern. Planting of trees on the green with pupils from Culbokie primary took place 10 March. The Board discussed the need to purify the planning conditions to ensure that the development progresses smoothly.</p>	
Active Travel Project	CCT meeting with THC and Sustrans expected in early April.	
CCCC - update	Basic cycle maintenance course was successful. Intermediate course planned for 25/26 March. Both courses are fully subscribed. A six week 'couch to 20km' course is being advertised. Monday evening rides will begin again from 28 th March.	
Fundraising	<p>Quiz Night – raised £769 including sponsorship monies.</p> <p>Photo Competition 2022 – 3 local businesses have agreed to sponsor the different categories.</p> <p>More events are being planned throughout the year including another Quiz Night, Food Fayre and Meet the Author.</p>	
Sharing Shed	<p>Another grant of £500 has been awarded from the Ward Discretionary Fund. Use is clearly increasing and there are still many other donations. Summer opening hours will begin on 1st April.</p> <p>FareShare/Cfine is planning to open a facility in Alness to help reduce food waste as well as helping to tackle food poverty. There is an opportunity to apply for membership which will allow access to fresh vegetables etc as well as</p>	

	non-perishable foods. There is a small annual cost which can be covered by monetary donations from the Shed. The Board agreed that this would be beneficial.	Marilyn
Culbokie Community Market	Findon Hall now has a wifi dongle and was tried by some stallholders but with mixed success. The March market had a good range of stalls and was busy. More use of the café as bacon rolls were also available, but more custom is needed to make it viable for another charity or organisation to run it.	
Woods Group	A group from Inverness installed 6 more bat boxes in the woods. It's good to see that other groups are making use of the woods.	
History Group	The Churches & Religion section has had several additions this month. An article on a proposal for a "Dingwall Autobahn" has been added to Transport & Communications section.	
AGM	Monday 28 th March 7pm in Culbokie Church Centre. Paperwork was sent out to members by 7 th March. There have been 3 nominations for Board members which will bring the Board back to full strength. Reminder to ensure members request a Proxy vote and/or send apologies if they are unable to attend. The talk 'Heart of Culbokie – our vision for Glascairn and for a resilient community' will be led by Board members.	Richard/ Penny
Finance Admin	Finance report - Jillian reported that the current bank balances at 21/02/22 are: £50,018.63 in the CCT current account and £123,343.65 in the deposit account. Unauthorised expenditure – £477 for gardening tools – approved by the Board. Insurance renewal – Zurich quote is higher than expected. Jillian agreed to ask for a quote from another company.	Jillian
Communications and Membership	Membership report – There were no new members this month. There are now 250 full members, 12 junior members of CCT plus 59 associates, and 6 associate organisations. Total membership now 327 Visits to new residents at Glascairn – very positive response from new residents. Comments include that they have found the village very welcoming.	
AOCB	Online storage and video conferencing – there was a brief discussion on the use of Zoom and Dropbox and possible changes. Further information is needed to make a decision. It was agreed to have a special meeting of the Board with Seb to consider the options?? Magic Little Grants – Seb will be asked to expand on his ideas for meditation on the Green. Cycle leader training also a contender. All asked to consider how funds might be used to link with existing projects. Decision held over to next meeting.	Alison Alison
Dates of next Meetings	Mon 9 May 2022 Mon 13 June 2022	