

The Glendale Trust  
Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors  
13<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at Glendale Hall

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

**Present:** Ian Blackford, Ocean Graham, Ann Bowes, David Perry, Ian Whitehill, Ewan McLay, Stuart Bell, Natalie Bayfield and Brian Smith  
**In attendance:** Liff Pedersen

1. Apologies: Ann Blackford, Fay Thompson
2. Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010 adopted
3. No matters arose from the minutes that were not covered by the agenda
4. Secretary's Report. No change in overall member numbers from the last meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report. Funding has been received from Hie with regard to the first quarter payments for the Development Officer of £7,012. This represents salary and expenses. The bank balance now stands at £12,813. The annual accounts are being prepared for the AGM in February. The Hogmanay event at the pier realised over £100 in donations.
6. Development Officers Report. Liff reported that there have been significant problems with BT concerning the broadband provision at the hall. Several days had been spent on the telephone trying to discover why this was simply not working. A business 'hub' had been purchased on BT advice that proved not to be the fault. It now transpires that the payphone on the line had caused the failure. Discussions continue with BT. The dial up facility at the hall has proved to be extremely slow with even simple downloads taking many minutes, as a result Liff has been forced into working from her home where she has broadband. Progress has been made in establishing a base survey of groups and individuals concerned with the community/ Liff has also begun work on the community buyout of the Meanish Pier.
7. Hogmanay Event 2010. This was a runaway success with well over 100 people in attendance including a large number of visitors. Thanks were proffered for all concerned in the organisation, particularly Jan Perry for her efforts on the BBQ. The power for the event was supplied by Sam Thorburn's generator. It was proposed that Sam be recompensed for the fuel used as no payment request had been made by Sam for any of the events where he had supplied his generator. Fuel will be purchased and given to Sam

asap. The rolls for the BBQ were donated by the Dunvegan Bakery. A letter of thanks will be sent to Johnny for this kind donation.

8. Burns Supper. It has been agreed that the supper will require a total of eight staff. Four in the kitchen, two waiting staff and two on the bar. These staff will be paid with the exception of Rhona Smith who has donated her services free of charge. The food has been ordered, as has the alcohol. Help is required to set up the event on Thursday at 2pm, Friday at 2pm and from 5pm on Friday. Volunteers are sought to assist. There are also volunteers sought for the hall clean up from 2pm on Saturday. The Hall Committee will be asked to provide assistance as they are due to share the bar profits from the event. Ticket sales have been brisk with 71 sold so far but a final effort is required to make sure the event sells out. We have catered for 100. A raffle will be organised and prizes are requested. Liff has volunteered to sell the tickets. Ocean and Scotty will man the door on the night.
9. Isles Book Trust Event. Natalie will try and organise a recording of the event through her brothers company who have portable recording equipment. This can then be transcribed/uploaded to the website for the visually impaired.
10. AGM 19<sup>th</sup> February 2011. 21 days notice of the AGM is required. An advert will be placed in the WHFP by 30<sup>th</sup> January to allow this to be done. Members will be notified of the proposed changes to the Constitution by email with the current Constitution and a copy of the proposed changes. Copies will be supplied to Liff for distribution as and where needed. The Chair nominated all nine existing Board members. Fay Thompson cannot be nominated as she is appointed. This was seconded by Ocean, who was herself seconded by Brian. Ian was nominated by Natalie, again seconded by Brian. The order of business for the AGM was then agreed.
11. Café and Heritage Centre. The Board had previously been copied in on the latest updated version of the plan. This was discussed by the Board and agreed unanimously to continue forward as it stood.
12. Not discussed at this time.
13. Transport provision for the elderly. Ian reports that Councillor John Laing had been in touch with him concerning this situation – funding for subsidised transport having been withdrawn by Highland Council – and that John would be back in touch with a proposal to alleviate this problem.
14. Projects. All projects are continuing in their preparation and discussions. Further updates will be supplied in due course.

There being no further business brought forward the Meeting was adjourned at 8.35pm. The next meeting was set for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.00pm