

The Glendale Trust
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Minutes of meeting held on 15th April 2010.
Glendale Hall, 7pm

Present: Ann Bowes, Natalie Bayfield, Ann Blackford, Fay Thomson, Ian Whitehill, Stuart Bell, Brian Smith, Ocean Graham, Ian Blackford.

Apologies: Ewan McLay and Dave Perry

Adoption of Minutes Proposed Ian Whitehill, seconded Ann Bowes.

Chairman's Report: The meeting to review the constitution has been postponed until the 17th May, as Ewan is not available at the moment. Ian proposed that the Arts and Mems would be amended to reaffirm that directors cannot be employees but members of the trust can be. Brian seconded. The Group wish Ewan a quick recovery. Ocean will send a card.

Secretary's report: We have 96 full members and 7 associate members. Ian Whitehill and Ann Bowes are registered as directors at Companies House. A letter was sent to all the membership asking: For advice on short rotation forestry for fuel. A new name for the Glendale Renewables Company. Advising that we are creating a Glendale walks leaflet. A solar water-heater workshop to be held in the Glendale Hall on 22nd May. Free home energy audits. The Easter Heritage Exhibition. The School consultation on May 5th at 7pm in the Glendale Hall. I have had 3 responses.

Ian proposes that Ocean will continue as company secretary and Brian will be Minutes Secretary Ann Blackford seconded.

Midsummers Party -25th June

- Stuart - Organiser of bonfire
- Ian B – Musicians,
- Brian and Fay – BBQ
- Posters and raffle – Ann B

Please can we have donations for the raffle?

Burns Supper:

21st January 2011

Alan Cochrane, Margaret Bennet and Rob Gibson have all agreed to speak or sing.

Borrodale School Consultation

Ian prepared a statement to submit to the consultation on Borrodale School which was amended and voted on.

The statement is as follows:

Glendale Trust Supports the provision of a school in Glendale

The Glendale Trust recognises the importance attached to having a school in any thriving community. The Trust fully supports the view that it is in the best interests of the community that there should be provision for a school in Glendale.

The Heritage and Cultural Centre and the school

The Glendale Trust is grateful for the support of the Highland Council in allowing the Trust to lease the building over the summer of 2010 in order to mount a heritage exhibition. This allows the building to be put to good use for the benefit of the community of Glendale whilst the consultation exercise takes place

The Trust and the Glendale Hall

The consultation paper states that "Concerns have also been expressed as whether future community use of the school building would threaten the sustainability of Glendale village hall." We should state that there is a good relationship between both organisations who work together for the benefit of the community. The trust and the hall worked together to host a St. Andrews night function in 2009 and a Burns Supper in 2010. Both organisations will continue to work together in mutual interest. The Trust believes that the Heritage & Cultural Centre would not be an ideal fit for the hall as the space available does not permit the establishment of a permanent exhibition.

A Heritage and Cultural Centre for Glendale

We believe that the successful exhibition in August 2009 and Easter 2010 demonstrates the need for Glendale to host a full-time all year heritage and cultural centre for Glendale that will create jobs in the community as well as creating a high quality destination for residents and tourists alike. The success of the heritage centre is not predicated on obtaining long-term access to Borrodale School. There are other options that can be progressed. In the short-term, as the school is mothballed it presents an opportunity for us to showcase our material that we are most grateful for. If the school is not to re-open in the short-term the preferred position of the Trust is that we can engage in a longer-term lease of the building which would result in the school remaining in local authority control whilst sustaining the use of the building for educational and cultural use within Glendale. This would allow the building to return to school use in the future. In the event of the council formally closing Borrodale School after all other options have been exhausted, and assuming a full public consultation with all interested parties in the community, The Trust would consider purchasing the building on behalf of the community.

Ian moved for reaffirmation of the statement. Brian seconded. Fay wished it noted that she did not support this as a submission to the consultation.

Vote was 8 in favour and 1 against

Community Interest Company

Natalie was exploring whether this would be of use as a model for the GT. It expands the trading activities for a company that is a charity. The trading profits can be subject to taxation. A subsidiary company may be more useful for the heritage group. Community interest company can pay investors a dividend but that is not what we need for the GT.

Natalie will study both possibilities and give us a page of information on both to see before the next meeting. Natalie will discuss this with the SCVLO.

Heritage and Cultural Centre

The group wish to set up open the exhibition on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons in the interim with volunteers with the hope of opening the café and the centre in the next few weeks once funding has been secured. We will elect a nominations committee with the authority to select candidates for running the centre and cafe for the board to vote on. The nominations committee will need to unanimously approve any candidate to be proposed to the board.

Interviewing and nominations committee: with a minimum of 3.

Ann Bowes, Nom Ann Blackford seconded Natalie Bayfield
Ian Blackford, Nom Ann Blackford seconded Brian Smith
Fay Thomson- Nom Ocean Graham seconded Natalie Bayfield
Ewan McLay, Nom Ann Blackford, seconded Ian Blackford

The fundraising committee will go for the whole heritage project funding for next year, and for core group funding. Given the short timescales for the project for 2010, Ian will seek funding for this year.

Projects:

Meanish Pier; The Moorings Association AGM they have agreed to go forward on a joint project to develop the Pier and are asking the GT what it would like to see happen. Brian shared some of the forward planning of the group, but the priority is to secure the pier and slip and carpark and rocks in community ownership. The new group will ask the Harbour Master to make the repairs needed. The group will take the slip on condition that it is repaired.

Brian Smith, Ian Whitehill, Greg Lane and Bill will be the new Moorings Committee

Heritage Exhibition:

A successful exhibition was opened over the Easter Weekend. We had 80 signatures in the book and raised £42.52 in donations. We will now open on a volunteer basis on Sat 2-5pm and Tue 2-5pm. We need 2 volunteers at any time. The Dualchas display boards will be returned so Ian and Ann Blackford will transfer these items to the HIEI boards. Letters have gone seeking funding for the £24,000 to run the exhibition over summer. We will open the exhibition and café for the end of May subject to obtaining funding employing up to 4 part time workers.

Brian Prop The heritage committee can get on with the project. We will investigate setting up a separate trading company for that but it won't be set up by May. We may get tables and chairs from the Dunvegan Castle café Brian will look after kitchen matters.

Renewables Group:

On the 22nd May at the Glendale Community Hall we will be hosting a workshop with Solar guru Kerr MacGregor on building your own solar water heating panel. Cost £215, dep £50 and you walk away with your own solar panel at a fraction of the cost. We have 4 places left on this workshop. Ocean will advise the membership and invite them to sign up.

Walks leaflet:

We had a meeting with Dave Perry and Andy Stables and agreed a structure for the leaflet. Andy has made up the route maps. Commun na Gaidhlig has offered part funding if we do all the text in Gaidhlig. The cost of printing 1000 copies will be between £300 and £450 depending on the company chosen. The council will translate the text into Gaidhlig. This is the only funding offer received so far.

It was decided to print in Gaidhlig and English as we wish to support the Gaidhlig language in Glendale. The group were congratulated on the draft leaflet. We are seeking high res pictures for the leaflet on local views, fauna and flora. Ocean to apply to council for the remaining funding.

Johnny Quirk will take the request for fingerpost signs for the beginning of each walk to the next Glendale Estate meeting.

Meeting with all the political candidates in our area. An evening of short talks and an opportunity for the public to question the candidates. Prop Ian Blackford and Natalie seconded. Cuillin FM will be asked to broadcast the proceedings live.

Meeting finished 9.45

Next meeting 13th May