

The Glendale Trust  
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Minutes of the meeting that was held at the Glendale Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

Present: Ian Blackford, Ann Blackford, Ann Bowes, David Perry, Ian Whitehill, Ewan McLay, Stuart Bell, Brian Smith, Ocean Graham and Fay Thomson.

1. Apologies: Natalie Bayfield
2. Adoption of Minutes of previous meeting. Proposed: Ewan MacLay, Seconded: Ann Bowes. Minutes of meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> September were adopted.
3. Matters Arising. There were no matters arising that were not covered in the agenda of this meeting.
4. HIE Project Officer. It was reported that the Nominations Committee had met earlier this evening to review the applications for the post of Project Officer that had been advertised. Five applications were received for the post and it was unanimously agreed that three of the applicants would be invited to attend Interview. These will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> October between 3pm and 5pm. The interviews will be conducted by the Nominations Committee but will also be attended by representatives of HIE who were funding the post. HIE will only be present to observe and offer advice if required. If a preferred candidate emerges it will require a short meeting of the full Board of Directors to ratify the proposed appointment. This will take place at 5.30pm. David Perry tendered his apologies in advance as he will be on holiday that week.
5. Secretary's Report. There are now 101 Full Trust members and 14 Associate members. A request has been made for the inclusion of a Community Page in the regular Newsletter and on the website. This will take the form of a 'What's On In Glendale' to appraise the community of upcoming events. It was agreed that this shall be done. The next Newsletter is due in December and copy for inclusion is requested by the end of November.
6. Treasurer's Report. The recent Heritage Centre and Café was reported to have been a soaring success. Café. Food sales totalled £10,870. Purchases and consumables totalled £2,941 leaving a gross profit of £7,900. Staffing costs, including wages and NI contributions totalled £5,312. Initial equipment costs were £1,071. When these figures were combined the Trust made a profit on the venture of £2,234. These figures do not include donations received. It was agreed that the summer café showed that the proposed permanent venture business plan requires amendment. The success of the 'pilot' scheme will only assist the applications to be made for funding. The provision of the two full time jobs during the opening was exactly what was needed in the glen. Hopes are therefore high that a permanent Exhibition and Café can be put in place for 2011.
7. Hogmanay. The Chair reported that Craig and Elly may be unavailable for the bulk of the proposed event. Hogmanay is a major earning event for the musical maestro's and it was agreed that we do not impose further on their goodwill

for this event. They have stated that they may be able to attend after any previous booking. It is hoped that the event could be run with CD's and allowing a traditional style party to develop as people will be encouraged to bring their own instruments. The usual bonfire will be constructed by the 'Two Stuart's', The BBQ requires a minor repair prior to further use.

Volunteers are being sought to assist Ocean to cook. Stuart Bell can supply burgers etc with enough notice. The event will again be free to all.

8. Burns Supper. The list of speakers has dipped slightly, Sorley Henderson and Brian having to withdraw. Professor Norman MacDonald will step up. The Sponsorship of the event from last year will be repeated at the same rate. Table sponsorship for local companies and businesses has been introduced for this event. The Directors are requested to seek out possible sponsors. The ticket prices have been reduced for this event to £15 per person but it is hoped this will include a welcome dram. The Chair will liaise with Colin Elder concerning the full organisation, including the obtaining of the drinks licence. Advertising will again be by way of posters locally and elsewhere and a repetition of the WHFP advert. The event will also be advertised on the Trust website. It is hoped to raise the available tickets to 100 for this event. Service staff will be employed again. Hughina and Jan will cater the event.
9. The Isles Book Trust are to jointly organise an event in April of 2011. This will be a conference to discuss land use in the Crofting regions and naturally follows on from the Exhibition of this year. Full details will be given soon.
10. The 'Walks' leaflet is currently at the printers and should be delivered soon. The final tranche of funding has been requested from Leader and it's arrival will see the finance complete.
11. It is hoped that the duties of fundraising will be taken over by the appointment of a Project Officer
12. Projects. Meanish Pier development is still ongoing. Heritage Centre, nothing to add at this time. The Council are to be contacted by the Chair soon over the future of the school building. Natalie will log the new material collected at the 2010 event. There is a hand thresher to be collected for display purposes from Fasach. Renewables committee held a meeting last week. Fay will join the committee along with others from out-with the Board. The main achievement has been the Home Energy surveys that have been completed. The group are trying to encourage more of these free surveys soon. The results of these surveys will decide the next project. It is hoped to hold an Environment Event in 2011 to follow on from the Solar Workshop. It is hoped that there will be a weekend of events and discussions to encourage growing, making and producing locally. Cheryl Farnaby has solar heating and has done so for a number of years which proves it's effectiveness. The Summer of 2011 is the hoped for date of this event. The Freecycle Unit will be moved to the hall to expand it's effectiveness. Communications. The matter is still relatively stagnant at this time. There are two matters raising concern, The fibre optic cable is in place up to the mast, and has been for a couple of years, BUT it still has not been connected. It is not known what it will take for BT to actually connect it and use it. There is a scheme by BT to roll out fibre optic broadband but it is not known yet how we can benefit from something which is already there. BT are appealing for Community Projects to connect this but it refers to Communities of 1000 requests. How does this affect Glendale with only 350

people? There have been yet more problems with the existing broadband regarding reliability of service.

13. AOCB. The Chair reports that there have been concerns about the appointment of a 'Development Officer' for the Trust. Three people have asked why they were not consulted prior to the post being advertised. They seem to be under the impression that this means building works on their lands without their permission. The term 'Development Officer' is the expression used by HIE to describe the position. We, as Directors of the Trust, should seek to correct this misunderstanding. The post is for a Project Officer to take forward the various projects in the pipeline.
14. Constitution Committee will meet on Tuesday and agree a number of minor changes to the constitution. Any changes will be brought before the Board at the next meeting.
15. Glendale Estate will discuss the matters taken to them from the Board when they next have a full complement of Committee members present.
16. David Perry has agreed to approach Kirsty MacLeod to discuss any possible business that can be done with regard to catering equipment from An Strupag.

Meeting ended 8.55 pm. Next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 7.00pm