

The Glendale Trust
Meeting of Board of Directors
5th February 2011, 2.00 pm
Glendale Hall

Present. Ian Blackford, Ann Blackford, Stuart Bell, David Perry, Ann Bowes, Ewan McLay, Ian Whitehill, Fay Thompson.

In attendance – Liff Pedersen

1. Apologies. Ocean Graham, Natalie Bayfield

2. Adoption of Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of 11th January 2011 were adopted as read. Proposed by David Perry, seconded by Ann Bowes.

3. Matters Arising. Sam has been recompensed for the petrol used in the generator at the hogmanay bash.

4. No secretary's report was available.

5. Treasurer's Report. The bank balance stands at £11,274. There is also some £100 cash in hand. The annual accounts are almost prepared for the AGM. The year passed saw a surplus of some £6,400 including some £1,500 trading profits from the café. Ewan announced that he was not putting himself forward for the position of treasurer after the AGM for personal reasons. He fully intends to stay as a Director of the Trust and will offer his help and guidance to his successor. Ian proposed a vote of thanks for Ewan's past efforts that was reciprocated by all present. Volunteers will be sought for the position after the AGM. Core funding should be sought to enable a book-keeper to be paid a stipend to assist the Treasurer as the recent growth of the Trust and future plans will require specialist accounting. The turnover for the past year amounted to some £21,000 and is envisaged to grow from now on. The Heritage Committee should also seek to implement new accounting procedures for the café to simplify the accounts and traceability of funds/profits from the café.

It was discussed that Liff should be paid cleared funds by the 28th of each month. He would prefer that the salary was paid by BACS but the Trust accounts and bank accounts do not allow for this to happen. It was agreed that a cheque will be made available to Liff by the 21st of each month to allow the funds to fully clear by the 28th. Liff vetoed a cheque being posted to her bank by the Trust as she did not want the details of her bank being put at risk in the post. It was noted that the funds transfer between Scottish banks is now down to 2 days. The Trust accounts are with RBS and Liff with another Scottish bank.

6. Liff supplied a report on her activities for the Board. This consisted of her efforts in relation to the Meanish Pier and Slipway project and the up-coming Community Survey. After a discussion it was agreed that Liff should be tasked with several important matters for the next month. These will be forwarded to her by email as soon as possible. The Crown Estate have requested clarification of several matters so that the Meanish Pier development can continue. The Glendale Trust has charitable status,

it is registered with OSCR and the reference number is SC 327627 and SCO 38741. The development is a joint venture between the Glendale Trust and the Moorings Association. Both of these groups are community based and run. The pier will be managed by a joint committee, formed from members of both groups.

7. Burns Supper report. Ian thanked everyone for the help and support received during the build up and on the night itself. It was a great night out and everyone seemed to have enjoyed it. Congratulations have been received from several of the keynote speakers with regard to the obvious community spirit shown by all. Ian also thanked Maggie McPhee for the donation of tablet. Rhona Smith and Teanac Campbell are to be rewarded for their efforts, and donation of their time and labour free of charge, by a box of chocolates apiece. The 2012 Burns Supper has been provisionally booked for 28th January 2012 to avoid a clash of events with other groups.

8. Isles Book Trust event of 15th and 16th April. It should be noted that the Glendale trust are only hosting this event. The Isles Book Trust are completely in charge of all the organisation. The GT are charged with organising the catering for the event with a dinner and lunch. Ann Blackford will liase with the IBT to facilitate this. Funding issues require discussion with the IBT prior to the event. It was agreed that Craig and Elly be asked concerning the entertainment along with a band for the Friday night.

9. AGM. A simple poster has been drawn up to advertise the event. This will be placed at the usual vantage points. Everything else is organised. The agenda for the meeting has been circulated among the membership. The amendments to the Constitution will be explained to the members prior to a vote on their ratification. It is hoped that these can all be put forward at one motion. Liff will print spare copies for members who appear without one. Ocean will cover the door and have application forms for membership on hand.

10. Heritage Centre and Café Business Plan. The revised plan is for guidance. It is anticipated that several of the points will require slight change according to trading conditions for 2011. Certain growth and cost figures have been allowed for. It was noted that the plan allows for a building to house the Heritage Centre and Café and that the school is not the be all and end all of the plan. Funding was anticipated to be on a loss making basis for the first five years but the success of the trial period of 2010 has shown that the business is viable within a much shorter time frame. It is also thought that the provision of a full time Curator can be achieved with assistance from Lottery/Leader funding. This will allow the sourcing of archive and other material from other museums to be obtained as we will be an official noted museum in our own right.

11. Projects. Renewable report that the Energy surveys organised by the group has resulted in several homes being insulated. The matters now need taking forward and the group are trying to organise a weekend forum of what can be done providing that an expert from a group with no financial self-interest can be sourced. The group are also trying to liase with others in relation to woodlands.

AOCB.

1. Liff's laptop has now been replaced. The original item had arrived in a sorry state with severe software problems. PC World have now rectified the matter complained of by supplying a different laptop.
2. Homecoming update. Nothing can be confirmed as of yet but the event is scheduled for 21st to 23rd July. It is hoped that the Kirk can be involved in the opening and closing of the event with a multi-denominational service for the Sunday. There should be a lecture on land issues with a well-known expert in these matters. Fay will draw up a draft schedule of events for the next Board meeting. The Hall has been booked for the evening event.

There being no further matters for discussion the meeting ended at 4.25 pm. Next meeting due on 17th March at 7.pm