

Meeting of Directors of the Glendale Trust
7pm on 14th April 2011, at Glendale Hall, Glendale
S.C. 327627 and Charity No. SCO38741

Present: Ian Blackford, Ann Blackford, Ann Bowes, Ian Whitehill, David Perry, Stuart Bell, Ewan McLay, Natalie Bayfield.

In attendance: Elgar Finlay

1. Apologies: Fay Thompson

2. Adoption of Minutes

Meeting 17th March 2011

- amendment to item 2 – date change to 5th February 2011
- amendment to item 4 – last line to read ‘personality clash problems were recognised’.

Emergency Meeting 31st March 2011 – accepted.

3. Matters Arising

Brian Smith has indicated a desire to return to the Trust as a Director following his earlier resignation. This was met with agreement overall. However it was suggested that it is not beneficial for Directors to come and go from post and Chairman is to make this point as a condition. DP was nominated by IB as Vice Chair. This was seconded by NB.

NB stated intention to step down later in the year as a Director due to taking role in Colbost Grazings Committee but will attend meetings and assist in Heritage Project work as available.

4. Secretary’s Report

IW requested up-to-date information from the Project Officer on contacts made a week ago and is awaiting reply. He will pick up the computer and other equipment & material. LP has said she is willing to leave earlier than 22nd April.

As Chair of Employment Committee IW has looked at original applicants and to this end has invited Elgar Finlay to attend the meeting. The Employment Committee agreed that further discussion would be helpful.

IB said Project Officer funding is in place until 30th November. If we make a successful appointment funding could be extended to 12 months. We need to move forward quickly and allow Employment Committee to act.

The three priorities are: Accommodation, Meanish Project and Community Survey.

EF suggested we need to start from scratch looking at the Job Specification.. Look at the feasibility of any projects we engage in, speak to major stakeholders and get ‘buy-in’.

Need to sit down and speak about what we want in detail.

IB told EG about updated Business Plan and will pass to him.

EF sees as a ten year plan with a massive amount of opportunity.

EM asked Elg about his present work with HIE and his Podiatry commitments.

EF stated he has 25 hours per week available, and has a plan which can be broken down.

IB said we need to think in the long and short term. If we show we can make progress in short term and demonstrate this there is advantage in long term thinking. This is reason Business Plan was updated.

EM said the survey was reason for HIE Funding.

ABl said that was not the case. Trust priorities included survey based on the fact that the community engaged in that. In general terms our work is beneficial to the community and we fulfilled this criteria long before the survey .

IB proposed Nominations Committee to progress as they saw fit. DP seconded.

5. Treasurer's Report

SB we have LP's final pay cheque and Donald Rankin is to produce a P45 for LP. We need to look at our financial commitments. SB keen to recover burdens and process incidentals as well as computer bill as soon as possible.

6. Isles Book Trust

IB thanked ABl for her efforts in purchasing provisions and for putting together a catering team. IB expressed disappointment at low number signed up to attend – 22 so far, with only 2 in locality. SB has heard more plan to turn up to pay at door. Plans are to cater for 30 on Friday and 35 on Saturday. Suggested small room for talk and hall for eating.

NB will bring recording equipment.

Discussion on whether to go ahead with Craig and Ellie as musicians, agreed as has been advertised.

IB The timing of the event was set by the Isles Book Trust and may not be ideal as it coincides with lambing time. Our events are usually free and the cost may have deterred some people. We have no advertising budget but the Free Press did an article and Alan Campbell mentioned it on Radio nan Gaidheal.

SB said that it has not been possible to prepare a full list of B&Bs for networking.

7. Midsummer Event - carried over.

NB said Plockton musicians cannot do Homecoming - may be available during June

8. Heritage Project

IB circulated council lease documentation. We will be charged for utilities.

In addition the council are seeking £250.00 per month for a licence to occupy. IB suggests offering a nominal £50 per month. ABl thinks that the sum is negotiable. NB suggested £100 for period of let.

IB asked views on opening period of the school. Possibly July, August & half September. We are trying to create employment in the glen. ABl suggested the Heritage facility be open for a longer time without the café. Last years hours were discussed and ABl wondered about it being open for passers by but it was agreed that exhibition items might be at risk & the council would probably not be agreeable to the building being unmanned.

EM suggested someone might be paid to be there. Also the issue of having a café. NB said café would be a concern if we open outwith the busiest time in summer.

IB stated we need the café and we will not detract from other businesses, we would make Glendale a destination and that we fully support the Red Roof Café.

ABl said we offer an alternative. The exhibition could be open longer to allow a gradual set up.

SB queried how much time and ABl suggested a month. We need to take the family history theme seriously and have advice if possible. Donations again would be useful. NB said open by appointment.

IB put forward open June to September with two & a half months of café. He is to email the council asking for 4 months for £100.

Dishwasher to be capital commitment. DP looking at models and fitting. More crockery needed.

IB on staffing said may have Hughina and Jan with Jan ordering supplies.

Rates to be decided.

Books to be sold as last year.

9. Homecoming

IB circulated a programme of events. A gaelic service is to be held on Thursday night and an interdenominational service led by Donald G MacDonald on Sunday. Author Andy Wightman to give a talk.

We have been donated census records for 1911.

Arthur Cormack has asked about possible involvement in BLAS Festival.

Also a chance to participate in FEIS as hosts.

ABl said we hope to attract these other events as a destination and in our capacity as a Charity organisation.

Venue portacabin or hall. Marketing by way of prepared posters provided.

10. Public Transport - deferred

11. Projects

Pier - IW is director with responsibility for pier area. Essential that this project is dealt with legally and quickly.

IB said that a joint committee was formed last year between Moorings Association and the Trust. We would have powers to negotiate with Highland Council.

EM asked about Crown Estates, has been told of contact with Project Officer, IB said not aware of progress.

EM mentioned liability factor. IB said re-instatement required. SB to look into.

Renewable Energy – Ocean happy to remain as chair though no longer director. No Report. SB will continue to serve on committee.

Communication - SB to move ahead. There are a few local interested parties. Very little direct feedback from BT.

AOCB

EM Suggestion to include Trust Charity No. on minutes

EM Queried where the minutes are published-IB said on Terry Wildings website and Glendale Trust site

Survey – forms sent to 153, 51 completed. IB asked all to encourage them to be filled out. HIE said one person in each household sent. LP no longer has list of names. EM said LP's contacts should have list.

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