

## **The Glendale Trust**

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Minutes of meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

Glendale Hall, 7pm

**Present:** Brian Smith, Dave Perry, Ewan McLay, Ian Blackford, Fay Thomson, Natalie Bayfield, Anne Bowes, Ian Whitehill and Ocean Graham.

**Apologies:** Ann Blackford and Stuart Bell

The Chairman welcomes Ian Whitehill to the Board.

Adoption of the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> February Brian seconded by Dave

Adoption of the Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> February Natalie seconded by Brian

**Chairman's report:** we have not yet had confirmation about a Project Officer for the area. **Ian** Blackford will e-mail HIE re project officer and training for the directors of the Trust. The Trust's job is to give leadership and direction to the projects. The project officer will get the projects off the ground and support other community groups in Glendale. We have still not had written confirmation about the temporary lease of Borrodale School, although an article confirming this appeared in the Oban Times. **Ian Blackford** to clarify this with the council

**Fay and Ocean** will go for core funding for the running costs of the GT.

We will seek to attract 2 more directors to complete our complement of 13 directors on the Board.

**Secretary's report:** 5 new full members, 1 new associate member, 2 members left.

Total full memberships 95, total associate memberships 9.

Proposal brought that the Glendale Trust join the DTAS (Development Trust Association Scotland).

Ian Proposed and Dave seconded. **Ocean** to action.

Ocean looked at the structure of the Sleat Community Trust. This has 400 members and about 45 people sharing 11 subgroups that report to the trust monthly. The subgroups that are involved in commercial projects are companies in their own right, such as 'Clean Sleat', and funnel their profits into the Sleat Community Trust.

A media group is recommended with printed material being translated into Gaelic and the newsletter will be produced quarterly. Commun na Gaedhlig will support printed matter with Gaidhlig translations with up to 60% funding.

### **Treasurer's report**

Funds increased this year by £183. We earned £1195 by fund raising and spend £824, admin costs were £133 and the balance is £881.

Regarding The Burn's Supper. The Hall minuted that the catering costs were high, bearing in mind that previous events have been run by voluntary labour. Ian attracted £520 in donations. The profit was £480, which was split between the Hall and the Trust. The trust would like to repeat the collaboration. We are keen to work with the Hall Committee and suggest that a joint subgroup is set up for this. The Trust feel that it would be good to book the speakers early and Ian will talk to Alan Cochraine and Margaret Bennet subject to the Hall Committee approval.

## **Project Groups**

**Meanish Pier;** The Moorings Association will be holding an AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> March. The group feel that it is important to move quickly on this. The option that we would propose is that, 'The Moorings Association' become part of the Trust as a subgroup and maintain it's own independent membership. We feel that this is preferable for the council for legal and insurance reasons. We send our best wishes to the Moorings Association on the success of the Meanish Pier project.

**The Heritage and Culture Centre;** The Council report recommends closure of the Borrodale School and will undertake the statutory consultation within the community over next few months. The Council have informed the press that the Glendale Trust will have a short term lease on Borrodale School from Easter to end of September. Ian is to request a written confirmation of this for ourselves. It is proposed that the Heritage group will set up the exhibition on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March with the intention of opening for a few days over Easter 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April and will create a volunteer rota to run it. Then we will have the formal opening on 20<sup>th</sup> May the exhibition will run until the end of September. We have a draft business plan in which we intend to seek to raise funding of £25000 to run the exhibition and a small café and employ 4 part timers. The business plan will be published on our website for all to see. Our mission statement will be displayed at the exhibition. We will explore setting up as a trading company.  
Proposed Ocean, seconded Natalie

**The Renewables Group;** Ocean went to the NWE10 Conference on renewables at Sabhal Mor Ostaig. The Conference went over 2 days and covered community and individual projects in all the main areas of renewables available in the area. We agreed that the Renewables Group will set up a trading company so that it can initiate profit earning projects and funnel the profits into the Trust. We are looking for a name for the company any suggestions to Ocean 511351 or Stuart at the Glendale Shop. As part of our 1<sup>st</sup> year strategy we will research the current energy usage in the Glen by the use of 'Energy Savings Trust Scotland' free home energy audits. This will be offered to all households over the next few months. The Scottish Government Policy on Renewables will underpin our strategy for 1 yr, 5 yrs 10yrs. The 2020 targets are for 50% renewable electricity, 11% renewable heat and 10% renewable transport fuel.  
On May 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be holding a solar panel making course in the Glendale Community Hall, this has places for 8 people and will cost £215 per person and you will go home with your own solar panel at a fraction of the cost of a bought one.

We are also looking for additional people to come onto the Renewables group as project development increases. Stuart, Ocean and Graham met up with the John Peteranna from Energee, South Uist Renewables who serviced the hall turbine and noticed that it was producing substantially less electricity than it should be. He suggested some improvements. **Stuart** will write up a report and send it to the hall committee offering that we could take on the project and upgrade as needed. We are also seeking to find a woodsman among our community who can advise us on biofuel, short rotation managed woodland with a view to creating/purchasing or leasing woodland for wood fuel production for Glendale stoves.

### **The walks leaflets and walks signs.**

Ocean spoke to Sandy MacPhee about the possibility of help with a leaflet to promote local walks and fingerpost signs at the start of each of these walks. Ocean asked Johnny Quirk of the Estate if he could take this to the estate meeting to ask for approval of these. The feedback was that the leaflets will be approved but the signage would not be approved on estate land. **Brian** will discuss this further with Johnny. **Dave** will join Ocean on the creation of the walks leaflets.

**Communications:** It was noted that the Bt Openreach fibre optic cable that was installed up to the mast at Scoval is not actually connected to anything. **Stuart** will be asked to look into this.

**Website;** Graham has agreed to carry on with the website but it was agreed that Ian and Maggie should get involved in the upkeep too and will ask Graham for access details.

Natalie, Ian W. Ian B, Ewan, Brian will go through the Memo and Arts and see if it needs amending at a time to be announced by **Ian B.**

**Ocean** will send a copy of the AGM minutes to the directors.

**Next Meeting;** 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 7pm at the Glendale Community Hall