TGDT Board Meeting

Date: 16th March 2022

Video Conference (5.00 – 7.00pm)

Minutes

Present: Tilly Smith (TS, TGDT Director & Chair), Phil Rogers (PR, TGDT Director), David Toovey (DT, TGDT Director & Treasurer), Sam Robinson (SR, TGDT Director), Alastair Sharp (AS, TGDT Director).

Apologies:

In attendance: Oli Giles (OG, TGDT), Rebecca Irons (RI, TGDT), Fiona Robb (HIE).

Due to the restrictions associated with COVID – 19 the meeting was held online.

Actions carried over from previous meeting (updates in *italics*)

Minutes		
Conflict of interest and governance	**New directors** Suggestions were made as to community members with a potential interest in joining the board.	**OG and TS to make approaches**
Minutes of previous meeting	TGDT Board minutes from 16th February were approved Proposed by Phil Rogers Seconded by Sam Robinson	
Development Plan Projects	**Affordable Housing** The project is behind schedule but making good progress and has not slipped further since January. There is potential that the quote for SSE connection will rise. This is due to being an old quote not accounting for the solar panels, car chargers or energy going back into the grid. Therefore, a more complicated quote is required. SSE Community Trust can cover 100 percent of the connection costs for community projects. However, TGDT would be required to apply retrospectively after SSE connection.	

	TGDT are renting a CES industrial unit to store heat pumps at a cost of £160/ month for 3 months. Strutt and Parker have been responsive in their dealings with the Trust. Allied Surveyors were commissioned to conduct valuations last month. The houses were originally budgeted at £567k and have a market value now of £637k. OG will query with RHF what needs to happen in terms of this increase. OG will seek guidance from Allied Surveyors as to whether another valuation nearer the time is warranted or whether the valuations can be adjusted for a fixed fee. Macleod & MacCallum has quoted for the legal work. The quote is approximately £8k and leaves £6k in the budget for marketing. All agreed to accept the quote. CHT have drawn up an agreement for the 8 let properties and as the Rural Housing body discharging burdens, if necessary, on the sale properties. OG will send to AS to review the agreement. **Campsite** Feedback from last month's members meeting on the master plan included: there be a layby outside the entrance prior to driving into the campsite; one-way system implemented; and too much camping provision on site. OG and PR met with Mike Budd and Edward Stuart from Tomintoul Bowling Club re: displacement issues. They have raised concerns about displacement of birds and proposed extending their site at the bowling club as an alternative. OG has spoken to Vicky Anderson re: conducting a wading bird survey. The site is not a prime location for waders. FR advised evidencing TGDT's engagement through the consultation process. OG will put out a members' survey re: campsite location to gauge opinion. OG will seek written clarification from CES re: the viability of the alternative sites proposed by the bowling club. **Glenlivet Projects** **i. Braes projects** Tom Morton, Arc Architects & Douglas Westwater, Community Enterprise conducted a site visit on 7 March and met with members of the Dark Skies Group and the hall committee. They'll now draw up the survey and gather background information, research and consultation activities. A public event will be held the first week of June to present the options to the community. Tom has suggested a topographic survey would be helpful given the trees, rough ground and drainage and will get some quotes for consideration. This was felt unnecessary by board members. After submitting an expression of interest, TGDT have been invited to submit a feasibility application to the Rural & Islands Housing Fund for a Housing Demand and Needs Assessment in the Braes.	**OG to approach RHF re: increase** **OG to send CHT agreement to AS for review** **OG to put out members' survey re: campsite location** **OG to contact CES re: viability of other sites**

ii. Events

a. Tea IN THE PARK
There has been a better response to volunteering at TITP this year than last. John Shewan is potentially willing to take on the role of kitchen supervisor on again but needs to check his annual leave. It may be that we need to shift the proposed dates to accommodate John's leave.

b. Jubilee Big Lunch
Tricia Lawson is leading on this in her role as Deputy Lord Lieutenant. A Big Jubilee Picnic Lunch will be held on Sunday 5th June at Glenlivet Hall alongside tree planting with CES.

iii. Speyside Way Spur off-roading

RI met with Crispian Cook, Ballindalloch Estate and Ged Connell Countryside Ranger, Moray Council to look at the options for off-roading the Speyside Way Spur from Ballindalloch Post Office. Brian Fowler had made some alternative route options but Crispian and Ged both felt the only viable option was to improve the section along the road.

Ged will follow up with Moray Council's Access Manager Ian Douglas about next steps from a Moray Council's perspective in terms of getting quotes for a costed design.

FR suggested contacting Renni Milburn, Moray Council re: Visit Scotland Rural Infrastructure Fund.

iv. Defibrillator at Auchnarrow Telephone box

Tricia Lawson and RI met with Community Heartbeat Trust to look at the defibrillator options. Narrowing it down to one model with a high temperature tolerance. They advise devices can last at least 10 years if looked after. A funding application to Paul's Hill will be discussed at the next GICA Committee meeting on 27 April.

v. **Highlands & Islands Climate Change Grant**

RI advised that this application had been unsuccessful.

vi. Approaches from community members

RI advised she had been approached by community members regarding two potential projects. An approach from Mary Hogg to create a memorial garden at Chapeltown graveyard in the Braes of Glenlivet. An approach from Val Ireland to create a path and somewhere safe to walk in Auchnarrow.

Broadband

Rob Cowan from WIFI Scotland presented the options at a community meeting at Glenlivet Hall on 2 March. Five community members attended. Next steps are WIFI Scotland will firm up their planning. Rob will produce marketing information to go out to community members including pricing, speeds, timescales etc. People then have the option

	to sign up direct with WIFI Scotland. Once WIFI Scotland have enough sign-ups for a viable project, they can submit to the Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme. **Post Office** The application is with the Post Office who will be back in touch in due course. **Development Plan Review** Agreed to add to the next board meeting agenda due to time overrunning.	
COVID – 19 update	**Hostel & Discovery Centre** The Discovery Centre is due to reopen on 1st April with charged entry to the museum and exhibition. The Hostel will operate on a warden less basis while quiet through April and May. A cleaner has been recruited at £12.50/ hour. 3 Discovery Centre Assistants have been recruited, including Craig from last year. The hostel has been registered as a potential host for a Ukrainian family. At this stage it is a register of interest not a commitment. A group booking could present an issue for this.	
Finance report	OG presented the Hostel and Trust finance reports, and the board reviewed the statements that were circulated in advance of the meeting. OG will see whether the accountant can push through this year's accounts and get them audited. Ritsons have quoted for auditing, OG will approach Goldwells also. Invoices were approved for Alpha, CHT and Ralph Ogg. A quote from Stuart Bailey for £1700 to replace all 17 light fittings in the hostel was agreed	
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