

Gargunock Community Trust Directors Meeting
Thursday 11 June 2015

Present

Douglas Coupethwaite, Geoff Peart, Gilly Bruce, Stuart Ogg, Douglas Johnston, Jane Bain,

Apologies

Marilyn Willet, Anne Dando, Edmond Mansion, Elizabeth Mansion, Mike Pizey, Jackie Campbell

Minutes of previous meeting - Approved.

Outstanding Actions from 11th December 2014 meeting

Plan for Square – proposal to contact all residents with properties adjoining the square to explain that improvement of the square was one of the projects identified by the Community survey. A letter would be sent first and followed up by visits. Jane and Edmond to follow up. *(Still to be followed up)*

It was noted that the fountain was 'C' Listed so need to find out what Historic Scotland's view might be about possible improvement.

Outstanding Actions from 2 April 2015 Meeting

Douglas C to prepare list of contact numbers to be placed on Noticeboard in the Centre for users. (As a follow up to this action from 11 June 2015 it was agreed that Douglas C would put his and Douglas J's names up as a substitute for Steve when he was away.)

As a follow up action regarding garden maintenance, at the 11 June 2015 meeting it was noted that an alternative grounds maintenance contract had been arranged with JK Garden Services and it was further agreed to spend £160 on levelling and reseeding an area of the garden.

Curtains for doctors room to be made. Jackie following up.

Actions form 11 June 2015 Meeting

Douglas J would oversee the Community Centre Account

Douglas C to follow up change to electricity supplier

Douglas J and Steve to carry out dilapidation survey at end of July

Douglas C to liaise with Steve re: scrapping old boiler

Gilly would respond and explain that feedback should be via email address trust@gargunock.com

Geoff agreed to develop some options re: distribution of funding from wind farm.

Douglas C will set up meeting with Community Council to discuss way forward.

Stuart to complete and submit application form for member of the Carse of Stirling Partnership.

Stuart to let Gavin F know that the Trust were very grateful for his work on the footpath project.

Company Secretary Report

Jane had made the Annual return before due date which was end of June 2015.

Finance Report

Gilly noted she had circulated the finance report as below.

Gargunock Community Trust Ltd Financial Report 2 June 2015	
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<u>Main Account</u>	
Opening Balance 01/07/2014	£6,267
Income to date	£3,223
Expenditure to date	<u>£4,969</u>
Current Balance	£4,521
<u>Project Account</u>	
Opening Balance 01/07/2014	£7,365
Income to date	£1,158
Expenditure to date	<u>£7,165</u>
Current Balance	£1,357
<u>Community Centre Account</u>	
Opening Balance 01/07/2014	£6,959
Income to date	£12,985
Expenditure to date	<u>£8,982</u>
Current Balance	£10,962

It was noted and agreed that Douglas J would oversee the Community Centre Account. He agreed to speak to Jackie to ensure the income and expenditure were aligned.

It was confirmed that the signatories for the bank accounts would be:

- Douglas C, Douglas J and Mike for the Community Centre account
- Jane, Gilly and Douglas C for the Trust Project Account

Community Centre Update

Douglas C explained that he had followed up the action regarding electricity supplies and had identified that a 2 year fixed price deal with Scottish Power would provide the best price for the Centre based on the following comparisons.

Following discussion it was agreed that the two year fixed price offer from Scottish Power represented the best value. Douglas C would follow this up.

Electricity costs (top three options)

Supplier	Daily Charge	Day Units	Night Units	
SSE	20.85	15.04	9.44	
Scottish Power	33.83	11.91	7.87	saving £487 per annum until 31/8/16
Scottish Power	34.07	12.32	8.19	saving £405 per annum until 31/8/17
EDF Energy	23.25	12.72	8.37	saving £389 per annum until 31/8/16

Douglas C and Steve had discussed various issues affecting the Community Centre which required attention. Steve had also confirmed that he was keen to get direct feedback from the Trust so would be happy to attend the meeting.

One pressing issue was the need to find a solution to the cleaning of the Community Centre. It was agreed that Douglas C and Jane would work up a cleaning schedule and Douglas C would review the quotes previously received for cleaning the Centre.

It was agreed that a commercial cleaning company should be contracted to undertake a deep clean periodically, the first time will be at the end of the summer. This arrangement would be kept under review.

Douglas C then explained the various items which Steve had identified needed attention:

- Painting of the entrance to the Drop In Centre it was agreed this needed to be completely stripped down, knotted, primed, undercoated and two top coats of good paint applied.
- New boiler house needs painted.
- Old boiler to be removed. Douglas C to liaise with Steve re: scrap dealer taking his old tank away so could also take old boiler from Community Centre as well.
- Render on wall at side of Drop in Centre needs to be repaired.
- Douglas J and Steve to carry out a dilapidation survey at end of July then prioritise what needs to be done.
- There was a leak in the gent's toilet.
- Floor cleaner had been repaired.

Feedback received via Facebook was discussed, it was noted that most of the items identified were already in hand. It was agreed that Gilly would respond and explain that feedback should be via email address trust@gargunock.com

It was agreed to rent the vacant office to Nic Bissett for two days a week on a short term basis until someone is found who wants to rent it full time. Rent to be set at £15.15 per week until further notice.

Windfarm Update

Geoff explained that he and Douglas C had met the mediator who had been appointed. The mediator was now trying to arrange a suitable meeting date with all 6 communities affected to discuss how the community benefit monies should be disbursed between them. Geoff and Douglas C to continue to act on behalf of Gargunock.

Geoff agreed to develop some options re: distribution of funding from wind farm and Douglas C will set up meeting with Community Council to discuss way forward.

Projects update

Carse of Stirling partnership

It was agreed that the Trust should become a member of this Partnership. Stuart to complete and submit form.

Footpath

It was noted that Gavin had not got far with Redhall Farm or Touch Estate regarding the link with the Cambusbarrow Road so he was now looking at alternative via bridge over the River Forth near Meiklewood. It was agreed that Stuart would communicate the Trust's thanks to Gavin for taking this project forward.

AOB

Douglas J noted that the Development Trust Scotland, which donated £1000 to the Gargunock Trust to help with legal costs regarding the transfer of the Community Centre from the Council to the Trust, has asked if they can work with us to learn about how we managed our approach with Stirling Council. It appears that the Council is now looking at semi-commercial leases for community centres which could create difficulties for local Trusts.

It was agreed that the Trust would be happy to work with Development Trust Scotland.

Date of Next Trust Meeting

Thursday 13 August 2015 8.00pm at the Community Centre.

AGM to be held in September