

Strathnairn Development Company (SDC) AGM

Minutes

19.5.2022

Present: Kirsty Adam (KA), Megan Bee (MGB), Mark Bessell (MKB), Neil Dawson, (ND) Ian Hunt (IH), Phil MacIntosh (PM), Scott MacDonald (SM), Bev Maclean (BM), Ian Maclean (IM), Darren Read (DR), Paul Robinson (PR) Chair, Beth Rose (BR), Raghnaid Sandilands (RS) secretary, Neil Spence (NS), Davy Thompson (DT), Tim Rose (TR), David Lumsden (DL), Ewan Hardie (EH), Jayne Brinkworth (JB)

Abbreviations:

SDC: Strathnairn Development Company

SNCC/CC: Strathnairn Community Council

SCBF/BF: Strathnairn Community Benefit Fund

CDO: Community Development Officer

Location: Cyberspace (by Zoom).

1. Welcome, introductions, apologies, proxies and quorum

The meeting was quorate.

Proxies read out.

Minutes from the last AGM approved.

2. Chair's report

PR as chair gave the report of the activities of the SDC in the year past.

All details in the chair's speech document.

3. Financial report

KA gave an over view of income and expenditure.

The finance account was approved with no objections.

4. New Trustees

ND to take role of vice chair.

3 new trustees coming on board soon bringing new skill sets - with a view to social media and communications.

5. Question and answer session.

Topics/ questions raised and discussed in order;

* Zoom preferred at the present time for reasons of inclusion, worries about covid. Hybrid in the future may be a preferred option for SDC.

* Minutes of our meeting private atm - plan to post minutes to our website.

* AGM postponed at last minute due to unforeseen personal position of chair. Having Vice chair in place should future proof the situation.

* Why didn't we share the survey report around the whole community?

We did share it around the advisory panel. Modern methodology of survey mean there are signposts to data, the interpretation of that data is done through a process of data analysis. Ultimate plan is to ask community that the community priorities established in the cap are then properties they want.

* Question about the perceived delay - waiting for the advisory panel to say they are happy about the CAP and then to publish the CAP. A good number of comments and edits have been built in and then re-shared. Covid related work commitments for PR and the consultants at IHI too, have played a part in the delay.

* MB doesn't feel there are many differences between the two versions of the CAP. He describes it as "wooly and lacking in hard data". Trustees explained some of the processes at play; listing and incorporating revisions, then IHI interpret the suggestion revisions. There have been filter and discussion stages. PR replied to the suggested comments. MB would like to see more detail on their methodology to help identify themes in the CAP. MB requests for an appendix with supporting numbers. He suggests that SDC should ask for this from the consultants - percentages / numbers that back the broad ideas. MB asks for this to be a deliverable action point.

* IH had questions about the constitution and delay replying to the letter / cancelling the AGM. IH suggests adding in a change to include people who leave the area as people who are terminated.

- * PM read out a prepared summary of his thoughts as chair of CC on progress. IM voiced similar frustration about delays. There were several were calls fro PR to step aside. The trustees will consider these matters.
- * ND voiced need for informal, regular explanation. ND will be attending CC meetings going forward.
- * PM communicated that the Farr Hall would be glad of communication about future community hub. PR explained that there is a representative of the hall on the advisory committee for the CAP.
- * DL asked about next steps. PR explained community groups in advisory panel feed back that they are happy for us to publish the CAP. PR suggests a few weeks should pass to let the community digest it, a series of meeting to see how some of the lesser ideas have traction, we have a community questionnaire in light of CAP publication and large community meetings, asking do you agree with community priorities that have been established. ND says we should be encouraging feedback through various channels (website, Facebook, newsletter).
- * PR said large items have numbers against them. A lot of smaller items that need investigated. IHI are consultants that have also highlighted things in rural places that have worked well. They can ascertain if these things are what the community would be keen to see here and make an informed decision. A confirmatory vote will be an opportunity that will be scheduled.
- * MB has asked for a meeting face to face with SDC / CC / SBF.
- * A brief road map of next steps and deadlines was thought to be needed and the delivery of CAP to residents.

7. AOCB

Nothing raised at this time.

8. Next meeting

Date to be confirmed.

