

## Strathnairn Development Company (SDC) Board Meeting 20/12/2022

Present: Mike Danson (MD), Paul Robinson (PR), Scott MacDonald (SM) Raghnaid Sandilands (RS) (minutes), Neil Dawson (ND) Jillian MacLennan (JM)

Apologies: Kirsty Adam (KA),  
Location: Cyberspace (by Zoom).

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### 1. Welcome, introductions, apologies, proxies and quorum

We are quorate.

Approval of minutes.

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### 2. Chair's report

A few things happening.

Hub process ongoing.

PR raised some concerns re; how commercial the hub would be. It would need to be sustainable. MD stressed that is nothing is clear yet as nothing is decided. To be discussed in the community.

No word from KA yet about digital classes.

Honours - thought of perhaps having an annual award from the development company - a community award. We could do some research to see how such thing is set up. CC have previously acknowledged good work. RS to research

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### 3. Treasurers' report

£38,000 + in our account. For the CDO.

Running cost money still to come. Hopefully in hand.

Indemnity insurance cheque has gone to the insurers. £626/ year

PR sorting the online banking with Triodos bank.

Still to sort out the signatories.

SM, KA and PR can sign cheques at the moment.

2 of signatories need to be executive officers. PR is the only one at the moment.

After the signatories are sorted, PR endeavours to explore further.

Mike will be a signatory.

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## **4. CAP**

Next stage MD paper re; what a hub might involve to be circulated and then debated with the community.

CC felt Farr hall should go and revisit their plans.

What's in the hub will interact with all that.

CDO - what's next? Advert out on the Highlands and Islands 3rd sector. UHI careers have put in in their job shop which will go out far and wide. Timing might be an issue. Impact hub put it out in their newsletter.

MD not convinced that there are recruitment agencies or that we would reach much further with recruitment. If come 6 jan and we have had no or few applications. We could then go to Good Fellows. There have been 2 enquiries.

We then receive the CVs. Once we see how many, we would decide on a short list and decide on an interview panel and bring in names mentioned previously from out with the board.

Fortnight after the 6th would be when interviews were held. PR to make some approaches to relevant parties.

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## **5. Volunteering event**

A good response to the idea in general.

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## **6. Social housing**

Professional liability insurance allows us to go to the Scottish land fund. Expect to hear from them after Christmas.

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## **7. Church update**

BF waiting to see if CC back the idea of community taking over the church. They are meeting on the 16th Jan. Heritage association approached the BF for 50,000. C of S had put a deadline of 6 month. Thats running down.

Issues about retaining asset in perpetuity. SDC is the only body in the strath that could own such an asset.

Triodos bank run a buy a crowd funding service of some sort. PR to explore.

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## **8. AOCB**

The group agreed to use ASANA going forward.

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## **9. Next meeting**

27.1.23