

Strathnairn Development Company (SDC) Board Meeting 19/1/2023

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

Apologies: Kirsty Adam (KA), Janae Wait (JW)

Location: Cyberspace (by Zoom).

1. Welcome, introductions, apologies, proxies and quorum

We are quorate.

Approval of minutes to be done next meeting

2. Chair's report

SCVO membership renews and is free.

We have joined HTSI as it is free and gives access to good training / meetings etc. PR / MD to have the emails sent to the ASANA account.

DTAS meeting in hall 10.30 next Friday with Audrey Dunn. To discuss CAP etc

3. Treasurers' report

1 year running cost & 1 year employment in our account.

Insurance policies (personal and employment liability) have been paid from that sum.

£132 paid to zoom.

PR working on our budget to be put up on ASANA.

Upcoming expense £45 for our domain name / in March.

Next payment to Wordpress for the website.

Insurers seeking PAYE employers code.

MD says SCVO have service that will handle payroll. PR believes DTAS also runs one. PR to speak to both to see who to go to.

Signatories - MD to fill in some details on an paper form. PR to speak with KA and SM about completing this task. Signatories going to be SM, MD to be added. KA needs crossed off.

4. Volunteering event

CDO should be in post. Good for them to meet people.

RS / KA / MB / JM to lead this.

End of April mooted as a possible time.

Saturday - RS to find a suitable with hall. To let folk know what help is needed.

5. Strathnairn connect

Strathnairn connect - Beth Rose leading.

MD proposes SC becomes a subcommittee of this board. Sits easily with what we are doing. Looks to be piloting what could run from a hub. BR looking to access different funding bodies.

Under our constitution. Any sub committee can have its own constitution. One of the SDC trustees keeps an eye on it. Strathnairn connect couldn't become a charity themselves.

6. Social media / website

Need to update website with new trustees and put more info up. CDO will help with that but in the mean time - latest news section proposed by JM. PR happy to put content up but looking for input on what to post. Important as not all people are on social media.

Discussing should we have an email server? With its attendant website. To meet out data protection requirements we need to do this. It costs £95 through Calico. Relevant emails with circulars can go directly to Asana. Can build a panel into the website that shows the Facebook post.

Close the current Wordpress and stop payment to them.

BF / CC developing a proposal for what is a possible configuration of a main website platform.

MD suggests we wait to see if their proposal fits with our needs.

ND hopeful that the proposal will fit with the cohesion for the community.

All agree we should look to what the proposal is.

MB / JM to provide biog details / photos for website.



8. Communication to members

Complaint that members of SDC community members don't know what's going on.

MD to draft up a short report with update/ newsletter.

RS to collate email addresses so that there is an undisclosed mailing list.

9. CDO

MD hopeful for a three strong application within a 20 mile radius.
Short list of 3 will allow us to proceed. Deadline is 31. 1.23

Good to send a member's update after that date has past.

Increase salary / decrease hours - there is flexibility there for us.
MD checked we are not out of line with others.

10. Social housing

Scottish Rural housing fund. We have registered with them. MD has put in an application to be considered for a scoping study. No commitments. Just the first stage. They should come back quite quickly.

10. AOCB

KA reported funding for 4 meetings for digital inclusion, to be happening in the hall in march.

Community zoom access - KA to be asked about how best to facilitate the access going forward. PR to chat to KA and Beth.

11. Next meeting

TBC