

**Strathnairn Development Company (SDC)
Board Meeting March 2024**

Present: Mike Danson (MD), Raghnaid Sandilands (RS), Elna Harvey (EH), Megan Bee (MB), Neil Dawson (ND), Paul Robinson (PR) (minutes), Guy Harris (GH), Justyna Szczachor (JS), Aileen Taylor (AT), Jessica Boughey.

Apologies: Hal Robinson (HR)

Date: 5 March, 7.30pm

Location: Google Meet

1. Welcome, introductions, apologies, proxies and quorum

We are quorate. First meeting after AGM. Due to lots of new trustees, all introduced themselves.

2. Previous Minutes

Approved as circulated.

3. Membership

No new membership applications.

4. Executive Posts

Elections to executive posts.

It was agreed that:-

- MD would continue in his role as chair.
- PR would continue as treasurer.
- RS would remain secretary.
- ND would continue as vice-chair.

PR was to submit annual report to OSCR.

5. Work Plan 2024

Work plan includes:-

- Local Place Plan;
- Community Hub;
- Affordable Housing;
- Active transport (including improvements to public transport);
- Climate action;
- Resilience; and
- Other activities.

To be circulated for comment and for trustees to sign up for appropriate sub-committee. PR to look for draft emergency plan created by SNCC 7 - 8 years ago.

5. Active Transport

Bike path across playing fields would enable children to cycle safely to Farr Hall and avoid dangerous travel along B851 from Inverarnie. ND advised that Farr Hall were already looking at this possibility. PR to contact HC to see about appropriate road markings/crossings on B861.

E-bikes are considered possible.

A subcommittee should include Ian Robinson.

6. Developing The Community

Events - need a plan (currently confidential)

JB planning leaflets describing who she is. Also via Facebook. Also working on business club. And farmers market.

7. AOCB

Strathnairn Connect now to be considered a body separate to SDC. Coffee machine to be written off once PR finds tax efficient of doing so.

SDC still requires a bank signatory to operate the bank account and ensure there is always cover.

Also need someone to operate the website. There is also some work to be done.

Funding secured for Gaelic week. Funding worth £3800 secured for use during the year. Funding also secured for Gaelic week including Bookbug.

8. Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting to be 16th Tuesday 2024.