

Note of Meeting 16 April 2024 SDC Board

Attendees: Mike Danson (MD); Guy Harris (GH); Aileen Taylor (AT); Elna Harvey (EH); Paul Robinson (PR); Justyna Szychachor (JS); Neil Dawson (ND); Jessica Boughey (JB);

Welcome and apologies MD welcoming to meeting. Apologies from Raghnaid Sandilands.

Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting 5th March 2024 (19:35-19:40)

Previous minutes approved; PR found draft emergency plan

Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda (19:40-19:55)

1. Annual return to OSCR

PR – in process

2. Trustee details for website

New trustees to send to PR – short bio and picture of themselves.

3. Report on Film Days

JB summarised. Offer of new screening for adults from Film Hub Scotland. GH suggested narrowing audience, e.g. adults or teens rather than appealing to both. EH felt difficult to predict what people would be interested in. AT suggested new films people hadn't seen. GH suggested Riverwoods screening.

4. Running costs application

PR - no major change after the Gaelic application. Still money to pay JB salary. MD querying values in application, PR explained they are for hub steering group, cinema, ceilidh. JS asking for more information on what is including in running costs. MD responded with examples like insurance, printing, subscriptions, consultations and contributions to groups like the steering group

5. CDO application

Workplan (19:55-20:10) (JB)

Need trustees to take part in various projects. AT would like to be part of men's sheds.

Sub-committees updates (20:10-20:25)

1. Events (PR)

GALA: GH asked who helped at the Gala last year – the committee all mucked in. AT can help this year.

2. Communications ~ Website and social media (JB/RS)

WEBSITE: MD – needs to be addressed, asked if any trustees are happy to take on. EH asked if a wordpress would be any good. ND had update from community council, apparently no movement on website but it will be 9-12 weeks before live. All community group websites will be consolidated in one place. Yellow Cherry are IT contact for this.

Treasurer's Report (PR) (20:25-20:30)

AOCB (please let Chair know before meeting) (20:30-21:00)

MD – Mark Bessell had requested running costs application for CDO role at CC meeting. Also noted 4 defibrillators in Strathnairn but perhaps little knowledge on how to use. JB to look into possible training for residents. JS noted training for individuals is usually free. AT suggested sharing a video of someone using a defib to social media.

ND – noted at CC meeting there had been a meeting about traffic impact of upcoming renewable developments. CC looking at employing a liaison officer, potentially through SDC. Red John, looking at possible traffic rerouting. LPP, there is an Inverness Forum on 13 June, JB to attend.

Engaging in Daviot – new noticeboard? Maildrop for those parts of the Strath.

Community Benefit Distribution – MD discussing this, most Strathnairn residents can't see turbines but large portion of community benefit is allocated here. Discussion around fair distribution.

Meeting in Strathdearn – MD and ND going to meeting with Scottish Land Commission and Scottish Land and Estates

DONM – 7 May