

Strathnairn Development Company (SDC) Board Meeting 2023

Present: Mike Danson (MD), Raghnaid Sandilands (RS) (minutes), Megan Bee (MB), Paul Robinson (PR), Jessica Boughey (JB), Elna Harvey (EH), Aileen Taylor (AT), Guy Harris (GH)

Appologies: Neil Dawson (ND)

Location: Zoom, 7.30

1. Welcome, introductions, apologies, proxies and quorum

We are quorate

2. Minutes - circulated by JB. Approved as circulated.

3. Matter arising -

Details from New Trustees for the Website. Reminder to new trustees for a brief biog.

Running cost application. PR to send final figures. PR has software costs sorted to send on. Discounts available for SurveyMonkey and Mailchimp (some extra functions maybe of use going forward, debated briefly). PR will send details via email.

Worth subscribing to 2 items of software, going forward, of help for the next CDO.

Farr gala - a few hiccups, on track now.

Cold food / teas / cakes need sorted out. Ice cream sales needs some consideration re; pre wrapped icecream may be a way around need for hygiene licence.

Catering. AT - to pass on details re; sandwiches / cakes to her catering contact - ideas about sorts of cakes discussed.

Volunteers on the day - timetable on the day rota to get helpers for the tea stall. Can put up a Facebook post to encourage such. RS to post.

Duncan to serve paella from the kitchen. Volunteer needed to help him also. OK to mark up his dish slightly. He has his licences.

PR to go through risk assessments.

Stretch tents / staging ordered.

Band booked and budget agreed.

Stands on the day - Highland Council - recycling body has been approached to see if they would like a stall / to attend.

Local groups approached. Early days - awaiting replies from several (Daviot Farmers, Fearnag Growers, Toddler group etc). SNHA considering a stall is the only reply so far.

Ruaraidh MacLennan has agreed to MC-ing.

Mike circulated a check list to go through at the end of the event.

Action points

RS to post re; volunteering on the day.

PR to check risk assessments

AT to finalise with PR the budget and catering fine detail re; order and delivery or collection.

CDO report and considerations going forward:

Report circulated detailing good work done.

Reiterated kind words about board's enthusiasm and support for her. MB to meet JB for some debrief conversations.

Board need to consider what we do next.

MD and ND (as trustees) and GH attended a meeting about development at the Tomatin hub last week. Report on conversations re; collaboration to work across 3 straths around about some programmes such as care in the community. SDT doing good work.

MD thinks there might be secondment opportunities re; benefits for working in a team. Might be good for us to speak to people who might benefit with seconding someone here, or working in collaborating with us.

MD has spoken to some consultants in the area, if they would be interested in doing it as a team, or seconding here - felt they do not have the capacity.

Will go forward with an advertisement. We require a separate meeting that will allow us to consider what MB / JB feed back. Issues to think about.

MD asked JB to note what she thinks she can complete before she goes, critical deadlines etc. Work plan may have to go into abeyance for a period.

JB writing up some committee skills training documents, she will put together a document about the place plan and steering document.

JB spoke about possibility of a half day training on community cinema - if any of the board members have capacity to do this course it would help with continuity re; new CDO in due course. Trustees to consider.

Sub committees around the work plan - Trustees to step in where possible.

Pumptrack - AT reiterates that to keep going with this would be popular. MB suggests contacting Iain Robinson. AT possible to pick up the threads that JB has re; details from the Boat of Garten.

Sustainability is in our constitution - MD asked GH to speak about his work as part of the FNLRT and to see if there might be scope to have other interested parties in the area to come around a project. River woods screening is a possible event to start conversation and gauge interest locally.

MD gave info re; beginners Gaelic class running on Wednesday eve - 15 registered. Interest in more advanced class, possibly to put on in the Autumn. Some funds for public talks, community cafe.

Action point; Trustees to consider if anyone has capacity to take on half day cinema training and let JB know asap.

4. Treasurer report

Budget spreadsheet received from PR.

Action point: Running costs proposal to get submitted to SCBF by MD.

5. New members - no applications

6. AOCB

None

7 Date of Next Meeting

After Farr Gala to talk about the CDO in June.