

Minutes ECC Board Meeting 9th Nov

Present: Alistair Danter Sara Twaddle, Roddy Macfarlane, Karen Petit
Apologies John Lawrie, John Boyle, John Davies, Billy Shanks

Declarations of interest in relation to Agenda items – none

1. Minutes of last meeting approved, proposed KP, seconded RM
2. Matters arising
 - Communication plan + Facebook – JD – no update
 - DTA update – ECC has received communication from DTA with a request for an online meeting, ST & AD to attend
 - Nov Remembrance event:
 - Dee McKuskie can no longer officiate due to a family illness
 - Ceremony will now include piper, 2 mins silence, wreath laying + post event hospitality
 - Play park materials – no update AD to ask BS for info in relation to rubber mats
3. AGM Meeting agreed
 - Shop consultation to be first part of event
 - AGM to include updates on all other works + finance report
 - Finance report to include summary inc / exp, summary of grant awards + reserve position
 - Full set of accounts to be available for scrutiny
4. Senior citizens dinner 15th Dec Greshornish House max 50
 - AD to draft village communication letter promoting event request eligible attendees to return attendance for + menu choices by 30th Nov to Pottery
 - Letter to be circulate week starting 20th Nov
5. Development workers report – attached:
 - Report accepted with queries regarding burn dredging, outstanding [grant amounts](#) + masonry work ACTION AD to liaise with AP
6. Admin + Finance report:
 - Finance report budget vs actual accepted, recommendations made to enhance value ACTION AD to implement
 - AGM admin completed inc'd Members notified, Notice in FP, posters in bus stops around community
 - Revised Agenda to be circulated once drafted
 - Annual reports submitted to Co.House + OSCR, issues submitting report to OSCR due to OSCR website malfunction
7. Funding applications:

- Shanks Plumbing apprenticeship funding agreed – circulated to Directors prior to meeting BS recused from discussion
- 2 further applications not considered due to meeting being in quorate ACTION ST to circulate

8. AOB

- Meeting noted Awards page on website should be updated, info [in](#) relation to awards is also included in annual accounts however agreed that good practice should have the information in 2 places ACTION AD to organise
- Peter Macrae reported that leaves from trees next to the war memorial were falling into his garden could ECC cut down the trees? Meeting noted that leaves in residents gardens were not the responsibility of ECC

9. DONM 11th Jan '24

Dev workers report

EDINBANE COMMUNITY COMPANY

DEVELOPMENT WORKER BOARD REPORT – October 2023

1. Edinbane Links Path

- Contact with Highland Council to pursue option of phased construction by THC, funded through applications by ECC and others
- Seeking a realistic budget cost estimate from THC Roads for construction
- Recent news that Sustrans main path funding programme in Scotland is being wound-down in 2024, possible alternative funding mechanism direct by Transport Scotland through local authorities
- Seek to take this path forward as part of the Skye Cycle Network development phase

2. Lyndale Renovation Path – ‘Karen’s Track’

- Main resurfacing works complete, signage/white lining required
- Stonemason was due to finish works to bridges in October – weather permitting

3. Edinbane Shop project

- ECC’s solicitor preparing offers to purchase land to front of shop from Highland Council, and additional land for car-parking from croft No. 16.
- Initial meeting held with business advisor from Community Enterprise to review possible legal structures and management arrangement for the shop and other elements.
- Discussed preferred management options; first option to lease premises to a tenant (either a private operator, or a separate community enterprise eg: local co-operative), second option to set up a wholly-owned subsidiary of ECC to manage the enterprise.
- CE advisor will complete report with case studies from other comparable community-run businesses, and recommendations. They will also do a check list of statutory responsibilities and policies for the Operational Plan.
- Possibility of a learning exchange visit to Furnace community shop in Argyll which operates on a tenanted model.
- Next step to review proposal and seek confirmation of community support at AGM on 24th