

Achnamara Village Hall Sub Committee Update meeting Minute

Wednesday 26th June at 7 pm – Achnamara Village Hall

Attendees - Ailsa Graham Kate Steve Alka Colette Louise Tanya Liz Margaret Tim

Apologies – Terry, Catherine

| Item | Description | Action |
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| 1. | <p>Kirsten Logue from SLF gave background on the fund and its aims and objectives. £10m pa available to March 2021. Becoming increasingly more competitive Last applications Sept 2020 Can apply up to 95% of capital costs to max £1m 5% contribution can be a discount on value Can also support revenue costs – Kirsten to provide details of what this could include Kirsten can provide support up to Stage 2 application; thereafter support from Lottery staff Need to check security and grant conditions</p> <p>We need to resubmit our Stage 1 SLF as we will be buying in a new name. Ailsa to organise</p> | <p>Kirsten to report back Ailsa</p> |
| 2. | <p>Steve provide feedback from the FLS meeting. Need to ensure submission focusses on deliverables in years 1-5; other things can be included but won't be judged on these. Need to start thinking about how to articulate benefits of each project. Need to think about benefits to the wider public as well as the Achnamara community. Steve to circulate link It's a complex proposal due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Windblow areas - Maintenance of roads to extract timber - Access to quarry rock - Landscape impact - Deer control between ownerships - Existing wayleaves and servitudes - The developing Forestry Land Management Plan <p>As a group we need to be able to justify acquisition of all elements and look at other options (eg leasing) too. Forestry land values are climbing and we need to demonstrate good VFM We need to provide a concept map for FLS to enable them to start their Land Transfer Assessment – to be done when Steve on holiday and in conjunction with GGS Need also to start thinking about a road map for overall delivery</p> <p>Ailsa to speak to Gordon re valuation process and when this can be started</p> | <p>Steve</p> <p>All</p> <p>Ailsa/ Tim/ Graham</p> <p>Ailsa</p> |
| 3. | <p>Timescales likely to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application to CATS August - Consideration by FLS by February - Application to SLF December - SLF decision March 2020 | |

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| 4. | Discount on SLF approvals – Kirsten to see what the usual level of FLS discount is on sales from SLF figures Also to suggest other groups to visit/ speak to who have recently acquired land from FLS | Kirsten |
| 5 | Agreed to revert to community again once all information is to hand (Business Plan/ valuation etc) and a decision has been made by Committee as to the preferred option | All |
| 6 | Tim confirmed that Hydroplan have been appointed to look at the hydro feasibility. All fees funded by CARES. Commissioning meeting planned for 10 July at 10.30. All welcome to attend | Tim |
| 7 | Ailsa and Alka updated the meeting on the Housing Trust visit. It was agreed a feasibility study application should be made to the Housing Fund to look at opportunities for community led housing | Ailsa/ Alka |
| 8 | Trip to Kilfinan Community Forest. To be arranged by Graham for w/c 22 July. Application made by Ailsa to cover trip costs. Graham recommended all attending should look at their website in advance. Also need to agree questions in advance | Graham |
| 9 | Maintenance Plan for the Hall – we agreed to look at a Plan for the Hall over a 5 year period accepting that any replacement would not be in place for at least that time. On the principle of undertaking essential repairs and committing expenditure on items that was affecting usability. This Plan would be used to identify costs – and then look at what we could fund from current income/ what might be done as work parties and what we might need to fund raise for. We have £6000 in general funds available. Graham and Andy to liaise on putting together a Plan | Graham/ Andy |
| 10 | Kate presented accounts for year to date. £1200 raised largely through Café Connect and £922 spent, electricity being the biggest recurring item. All agreed to raise Hall hire fees for non community events – Kate to look at a reasonable rate and introduce new hire fees | Kate |
| 11 | Village Hall events A programme is in place including a pop up BBQ on Friday 28 June at the pier | Andy Alka |
| 12 | It was agreed that Committee meetings should be open to all who wished to attend. If matters had to go to a vote, then only Committee members could vote. Minutes to be made available asap after meetings; circulated to mailing list; on website and on VH and Village noticeboards Notices of meetings also to be publicised in these places | Kate/ Graham |
| 13 | Comms – it was agreed we would move away from the monthly newsletter as sometimes it was a struggle to fill pages. Comms going forwards would be based around sending out minutes and regular events. In the next correspondence we should include details of progress on a number of fronts – including the road/ broadband upgrades. 3G and 4G connectivity. | Steve/ Kate |

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| | Things are moving! | |
| 14 | Fire hydrants – John liaising with a contractor re organising training and equipment in the village. | John John |
| 15 | Speeding – Graham reported back on the Council's view. Which was to write to castle Sween and involve the police. Neither were felt to be particularly useful. It was agreed Graham would write to the Council thanking them for the road upgrades and enquiring as to the possibility of electronic speed signs, possibly just for the season. | Graham |
| 16 | Internet banking – all agreed that we should look to move to having access to internet banking. Kate to investigate | Kate |
| 17. | Date & Time of Next Meeting Ailsa to send out doodle poll for dates in early – mid August. | Ailsa |