

DUNVEGAN COMMUNITY TRUST

Committee Meeting: 3rd August 2023

Time: 7:30pm Zoom

Present: Committee Members: Jason Bold (JB) Anne MAcAskill (AM) Paul MacAskill (PM) and Development Officer Kenny Nicolson (KN)

Apologies: Phillipa and Gilly send their apologies

Agenda/Minutes

1. Financials

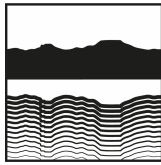
- No detailed Financials as GA is away
- Kenny needs Nominees for HMRC to receive donations - 1 Primary and 2 secondary - They need to be committee members. He would need names and NI numbers of all. JB happy to have his details as primary. 2 secondary TBC.
- **Action: All to decide on 2 secondary nominees via email or chat**

2. Gaeltec

- KN updates- We have been communicating with the Smales, but following Joe Smales' illness and subsequent holiday we have been unable to get a clear idea of their exact state of play, or a clear response.
- We have decided to proceed with the survey and the phase 1 application for the Scottish Land Fund.
- Joe Smale did say there were 2 other interested parties and individuals looking for rental space.
- MM suggested since we have made a formal expression of interest in the buildings to the Smales we should also register a formal interest in the building with the Scottish Land Team. There is support available at HIE to complete the forms, which can be complex.
- PM said he had heard that a woodworking business had possibly moved in - MM suggested trying to get in touch with them just to discuss - we don't want to alarm anyone.
- JB asked KN whether we need the tendering submissions back for the Scottish Land Fund Application. KN says we need to go out for 3 quotes. The successful tender would undergo business condition survey, valuation and feasibility study. We have had funding for the survey carried out by impact hub, the phase 1 funding would also include a business plan, which could be carried out by Impact Hub.
- **Action: MM to circulate Survey on Website, membership and socials and to find out who the HIE support for registering an interest in land. JB to follow up with Smales by sharing the Web post and survey. KN is putting this out to tender and writing the application for the land fund to be submitted by the 13th of August.**

3. Playpark

- 650 roughly from the Macleod Parliament lunch
- 500 roughly from Dunvegan Show
- KN and playpark committee had a meeting with Duncan from Kompan.
- KN has contacted 3 suppliers in total, which is the requirement for most funders.
- Main funding option is Highland Regeneration Capital Fund. Silverhill Trust, Mowi, Coop Community Can, and Windfarms. Dermott had quite a bit to say about Windfarms and said there were play parks in the borders which were 100% funded by Windfarm companies
- Local Landscape contractors would money if we were short with our funding applications. PM has a suggestion and will speak to him about whether the job would be something he would be interested.



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- The Playpark committee has raised in excess of 4k and would like to close their bank account with Virgin Money and transfer the money to a restricted pot in the main DCT bank account.
- **Action: KN is going to Apply for the HC regeneration fund as soon as it opens - might chase it up if it doesn't open soon. PM is going to enquire about local contractor**

4. Cruachan Wood

- Nothing back from HIE which was before our last committee meeting. Last we had asked for the new valuation and a title.
- MM said there isn't anything to stop us moving forward with the 2 house spots in Cruachan since that wouldn't need to be held up by HIE. James Swinnerton has taken over from Ian MacIvor and would be a good person to discuss an asset transfer. JB and MM it would be preferable to build community houses in conjunction with the Community Housing Trust rather than LSHA in this instance
- **Action: JB to chivvy HIE. MM to discuss further with LSHA**

5. Windfarms

- DCT became a member of Community Land Scotland and we are attending an island wide meeting of Community groups facilitated by CLS to discuss Windfarms, community ownership, shared ownership and community benefits. CLS think SG departments should have been more involved in the community ownership side of things, which they have not.
- Discussion about formally supporting Portree and Braes call for a public enquiry to try to maximise the chances of changing the way community benefit is handled, and whether we can take this position and remain representative of our diverse membership
- The application to Cares for legal support in setting up a body to pursue shared ownership has been completed and circulated to Edinbane and Struan. They are going to circulate with their committees but reckon it may be a while before we hear back.
- **Actions: JB to send a feedback to John Laing and the CC reiterating our position**

6. Helipad

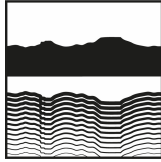
- Paul has been discussing with Peter Cambell. Considered the land next to the surgery but there are too many overhead cables. PM suggested the land opposite Gaeltec next to the fire station. MM said that Portree and Braes trust currently manage their helipad so possibly they could point us in the direction of requirements of a helipad
- **Actions: PM will email PBCT to ask if they have advice of criteria for a site, and will also ask some advice of Mountain Rescuers**

7. Update on THC Project

- No meaningful response from John Finlayson or Dorothy Gibbs on questions raised - info on funding pots for feasibility study for the new site or the surveys and reports that they used to identify the new site
- **Actions MM will keep asking these questions and also email Kate Forbes to ask what is happening with the funding for the school**

8. Comms

- Update on Muirhall Drop Ins
- Gaeltec Survey
- Update on the Playpark committee's excellent fundraising
- KN suggests a press release about Gaeltec incl paper and Radio Skye
- Would be good to have some photography -



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- **Action: MM to ask Gilly about Jordan, and post a Muirhall update and Gaeltec Survey when it's ready.**

8. Community Council Update

- **Actions: PM to ask for an update on Defibrillators-Last correspondence JB suggested 2 additional sites (Orbost, Claigan) to those proposed by CC (roag, Vatten, Lochside. Fishing shed).**

9. AOB

- **PM to ask Tina about whether she would like to formalise the Minibus as a working group under DCT**
- **MM to forward insurance quotes to JB**

Next Meeting: 31st of August Thursday 7:30pm