

Glenmoriston Millennium Hall

Minute of special meeting 3 December 2020

Present by Teams: Clare, Pat, Carol, Jean, Graham, Lynne, Agnes, Jeff. Robert, Phil, Cherry, Catherine, Debbie, Christine, Stella

Apologies: Hugh

1. Pros and Cons of going for SCIO discussions

Pat – had sent an outline of SCIO. Do we want to proceed? Aim to reduce potential liability of everybody.

Went round the room to ask what thought – all in favour. No response from Hugh even though he a trustee.

Agreed Minute. SCIO - all present at the meeting were in favour of the proposed change in legal status of the Glenmoriston Millennium Hall from a Trust to incorporation as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)

Volunteers to work on the details with Pat and Clare are Lynne, Catherine and Carol

Next step is for a meeting of the 5 volunteers. Pat to organise it.

2. Heads of agreement re public toilets

Question – who has to agree the heads of agreement – technically it is trustees but want agreement of the committee.

Does THC have stat obligation to provide toilets? No but THC have way of working with communities. Only organisation in glen is the hall committee. Do accept we don't have obligation.

20 years – why not 5 years? Because the RTIF need it to be a sustained 20 year project. We are owner of the funds and obliged

Should it be 24/7 – what if it is hall use time. Particularly if children in hall. Good point.

Agnes – no problem with toilets but does with the Elsan tipping point

Not hall's remit to administer public toilets but if we want them it needs to go through an established community group, the hall is that group. Also do not want to lose the local community as need them to support the hall too.

Are we storing up trouble for ourselves? Graham and Phil not happy about hall taking on responsibility

Can plans be changed at all – depends on specifics – e.g. urinals being reduced. We are hoping to tweak that. Finishings – are they long lasting enough? Too glossy and not hard wearing enough perhaps. Heating – air source heat pump – will it be warm enough and will

hot water be hot enough? How long will hall be shut for to do works? We did not have much input into the way plans were drawn up and the process was done.

If go ahead need detailed plans suitable for a building warrant – at that stage can modify plans. As long as do not increase the budget should be OK. Time will be against us – will need to be clear about who doing what at that stage. Tender stage can do detailed plans.

Stella likes chemical waste disposal idea – helps keep septic tank clear. Will be used by people. Under review with THC at moment as they not taking ownership of that. They did say in the bid that would maintain and clean it etc. Now they saying they will not do it. Don't see how they can do it.

At end of day we will be responsible for the money from the fund and the spending of it.

Have highlighted the Elsan issue and we may be able to return the money for that part. We do not want to be responsible for that tipping point.

Should hear about the funding on 15 December. If we get it then still have to agree to accept and what for that is the final decision.

Indicative vote – 3 dissenters (Graham, Jean and Phil) and rest to proceed – Catherine reluctant but think inevitable. Rest go ahead.

Need to resolve question of Elsan Point

Next steps – whether next stages of project should be left to Council or go to private people? THC not providing information – originally said they would. Need a working party to think through what to do next. Community Company will help. Would like a couple of people to help Clare and Pat with this decision making.

Robert and Debbie will help Pat and Clare with this part. Ian Thomson will help too. If Lee Cox would like to help that is fine too.

Community Council support the project – says Jeff. If need some help let them know.

3. AOB

Caretaker report was circulated. Time switch for outside lights failed – got an electrician to do that and the emergency light in Ladies

Quote from Northern Alarms – do we go ahead? Want a committee decision on it. Quote circulated. Some responses to the email but not all. We have money in bank. Agreed to go ahead.

Defib – mains supply to it has failed. CC will get an electrician to it. Beeps and does not flash at night.

Lights in roof of hall – some tubes have failed. Strip lights. Hard to get to them. Alarm people will bring a tower scaffold – perhaps negotiate to use that. Could be a solution.