

ENCOMM

MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING FRIDAY 17 JANUARY 2020 10am AT BRACKENHAUGH, LETHEN

PRESENT: Linda Henderson (LH), Peter Arris (PA), Sue Rhodes (SR), Martine Scott (MS).

Invited guest: Rory Dutton (RD) from Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS)

1. FORMALISATION:

It was agreed that LAH remain as Chair and PA agreed to take on role of Treasurer. These are the only required officers under the Constitution so it was agreed that LH would continue to handle the secretary role (including minutes) until this becomes too onerous.

It was agreed that ENCOMM would work within the good governance standards set out in the Scottish Governance Code for the Third Sector, a copy of which had been provided to each Trustee. The five core principles to be reviewed annually.

LH had applied to both DTAS and SCVO for membership. RD had responded promptly & invited to meeting. We wait to hear from SCVO. **Action:** LH follow up

2. DECISION:

re latest offer from Greencoat for £320,000 single payment as against £25786pa for 25 years. PA had looked at the Company & its business model as well as the discounting level likely to have been applied. A lengthy discussion covered issues including responsibility, demand, investment confidence, banking facilities & guarantees, Charity financing, RPI uncertainty, corporate uncertainty. RD had some ideas for networking with communities who may have had similar offers. It was agreed that LH should reply to Fiona Milligan seeking to establish whether there was any possibility of improving the amount while holding back from agreeing to take that route. **Action** LH to FM

3. LOAN from ENCC:

ENCC has agreed to lend ENCOMM up to £500 repayable when our funds become available.

4. BANK ACCOUNT:

PA had looked at options between online/ local presence and ethical options. Although the decision about type of funding (2. Above) could influence what we do in future it was felt that for now a local presence was important and we asked PA to set up a suitable account with Bank of Scotland Nairn, any 2 of PA, LH & MS to sign. **Action:** PA

5. FERNESS PHONE BOX:

It was agreed that LH should go ahead with adoption contract and SR to undertake some community engagement both re ideas and maintenance. A handbook will follow. **Action:** LH SR

6. INSURANCE:

LH had obtained 2 quotes for basic PLI. Keegan & Pennykidd had offered Royal Sun Alliance at £385.80 for the first year but a referral via ENCC & Highland Council to Zurich had elicited a quote for similar cover for just £79.45. It was agreed to take out this latter policy.

Action: LH

7. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (1):

For now we will seek to establish a Facebook presence. Ellie Fowles (Milltown) had offered to help with this.

Action: SR to contact Ellie

8. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (2):

We set a provisional date for a public engagement event to focus on as Saturday 18 April say, 10 – 3 at Fornighty Hall

Action: SR & MS to work on this

9. AOCB:

RD gave a brief introduction to the work & aims of DTAS with reading matter. He encouraged us to network across our boundaries especially to Finderne, based at Logie Estate, and to Cawdor.

He confirmed that he would be approving our provisional membership status, free for the first 12 months and £90 pa thereafter.

Action: MS to contact Peri at Finderne

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Friday 21 February at 10am at Brackenheugh.