

Carradale Community Trust Board Meeting 13 November 2023 Village Hall 7.30pm

In Attendance: Phil Royal (Chairman); Zofija Sloan (Finance and Admin Officer); Jane Dunbar; Lynsay McGeachy; Russell Kay (Treasurer), Emma Macalister Hall; Margaret Richardson (Minute Secretary)

Apologies: None

1. Minutes of last meeting (23 October 2023) were approved and will be forwarded to Russ Baum for inclusion on the East Kintyre website. ACTION: MR
2. Matters arising:
 - a) ZS reported back that she hadn't contacted CHEL at this time as she felt it was not required at the moment. PR will contact AM from CHEL at some point in the future. ACTION: PR
 - b) PR spoke to JL about Stirling University's part ownership of the Network Centre, but as yet he has not seen any documentation to confirm the exact boundaries of their area.
 - c) Invitations have been sent out to a member of the EKCC and to a member of the Playpark group to attend the CCT meeting in January.
 - d) PM circulated his report on Seneval prior to this meeting.
3. Directors' Training: DTAS Workshop. AD from DTAS is willing to provide training whenever it suits the Board, possibly in February 2024. ZS will contact AD to arrange the date and to specify the particular training requirements to tailor the needs of the Board.
4. CCT Dashboard: Sort It Actions:

RK reported that he will be able to produce a simple financial guide for the Trustees for the December meeting. This guide will assist the Trustees in their understanding of Restricted/Unrestricted funding and what can be done with both. Figures at the end of October, which includes the holiday period, show that the shop is trading without using the allocated grants, however, November/December with fewer visitors, could change all that.

The membership of CCT has been updated.

The Old Schoolhouse Gallery's lease is due up in April and has had a successful season. PR suggested that a review of the Gallery in January is undertaken, so that if necessary new tenants can be found, should the current tenants not want to continue after April.

5. PROJECTS:

Ideas to benefit the older community in Carradale (Abbeyfield Grant Application): The Board discussed a number of possible ideas which might help older members of the community, but further discussion and exploration will be required to ensure that any community needs are appropriately met. ZS will contact AD from DTAS for advice. CCT believes it could act as a conduit for any future funding. ACTION: ZS

It was pointed out that there is a greater demand for childcare and elderly care than is currently provided. JD will contact the lead person for Care in the Community with a view to possibly attending a future CCT meeting.

Playpark Development: The Trustees discussed the playpark and how best to develop it. It was considered that the best way forward was to contact the EKCC. The Annual Inspection threw up a number of safety issues and repairs that are needed to extend the life of the

equipment. Further discussion with the reps from the Playpark and EKCC will take place at the January CCT meeting.

CHEL: Nothing to report

Seneval: PM circulated a very detailed report on the composting site and the work which has been carried out to get it to this stage. He reports that there are currently between 10-12 volunteers involved with the site. Five volunteers were trained to work the chipping machine, however, two have since left. The main problem for the volunteers is the chipping machine not being adequate enough to cope with the leaves and is continually jamming up and then requiring repairs. PM states it is vital that a new robust machine is purchased to allow the work to take place effectively. His recommendation is to purchase a new machine which, although costly, will be worth it and along with further training on any new machinery, plus a shed to keep the equipment in, will make Seneval a reliable and very useful asset to the community.

Heritage Centre: PR stated that the first thing to do with the Heritage Centre was to establish ownership to get the boundaries sorted out. He will continue to work on this. ACTION: PR

AOB: Playgroup has now restarted in the village. EMcH asked on their behalf if CCT could hold their bank account in the same way it does with another group. Doing this avoids constant change of signatories as mothers and children leave the playgroup. CCT agreed for this to happen and EMcH will liaise with the Playgroup.

DONM: 18 December 2023, Village Hall, 7.30

Meeting closed at 9.15pm