

**Carradale Community Trust
Virtual Board Meeting via Zoom
6pm Wednesday 10 February 2021**

In Attendance: Alan Walker (Chair), Jennifer Lee, Tony Leighton, Ian McGhie, Alan Milstead, Malcolm Trott, Johnny Durnan and Alasdair Bennett

Apologies: Jean Campbell

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting on 14 January were accepted as an accurate record.

Treasurer's Report: MT outlined income and expenditure regarding the purchase and refurbishment of the Post Office. Significant grant funding had been approved and will be drawn down when appropriate. From the refurbishment quotes received there would appear to be sufficient grant funds available. JL mentioned that £5,000 from the National Lottery should be in by Friday.

Purchase of the Post Office : AW reported that the purchase was now complete and the title deed in favour of CCT acknowledged by Register House. A Deed of Servitude in relation to drainage access will be completed tomorrow.

TL then gave an update from the Shop Sub-group. A plan for the refurbishment has been settled on and sent out to tender to 5 contractors, with 2 having already replied. An application for a building warrant has now been submitted and may cause a short hold up. The application to the Post Office to change the Postmaster and position of the PO equipment is expected to take longer. A new electrical supply has been connected to the PO.

MT informed the meeting of his discussions with the PO and the difficulties he was experiencing in applying to change the Postmaster to CCT. The application has now been submitted, although the PO may still require to make further enquiries into the applicant's (MT and AW) background.

AW then asked JL to put forward proposals in relation to forming a Carradale Community Shop Management Committee. JL outlined the proposal and the Board agreed to the formation of the committee with delegated authority. A draft Terms of Reference for the committee had previously been circulated to members and this was agreed in principle, although work still has to be done to refine some aspects of it. The next step was to identify volunteers, some with knowledge of how to run a shop, and establish the group. AW suggested that the best way forward might be for the Board to give JL the mandate to form the group and then report back to the Board with recommendation. This was agreed. It was also agreed that the Board member on the group could rotate if necessary.

The Board then discussed advertising the post of manager for the shop. It was felt that the new committee should look at this and try and identify people for an interview panel. MT suggested that the committee should consider the options of job share and part-time working. AM supported this proposal but was concerned about the extra admin that would be involved. He was also concerned that taking on an employee(s) could prove onerous, even if only for 2 years. Discussion ensued on whether to employ a person(s) or have them self employed. The feeling was that employment was probably the most appropriate way forward with assistance sought for the additional admin costs. JL agreed to speak to the Robertson Trust to see if they would fund these costs. **ACTION: JL.** It was emphasised that the long term plan must be to find a lease holder, possibly in a joint venture.

Appointment of a Trustee to the Forest Group

After a brief discussion JL agreed to report back to the Board on the work of this new group.

EKREG Update

AB updated members on the additional funds now available from the Cour Community Fund, with grants up to £50,000 available this year. He then explained the Kintyre Wind branding that will be used for marketing community shares in new windfarm developments. Updates were also pro-

vided on Clachaig Glen Windfarm, seeking turbines 180 metres tall, and a new scoping proposal for West Torrisdale Windfarm, which will have a significant visual impact on the Carradale area. Members expressed concerns about the growth of new windfarms in Kintyre and their impact on the community.

Well Park Wood/Seneval

AW briefed members on a phone call he has had with a member of the Community Council regarding both developments at the harbour and Well Park. It was agreed, since both CCT and EKCC have projects planned for these areas, that there is a need for the groups to work together. Frustrations were expressed that Argyll & Bute Council, who own areas of land at the harbour, were not constructively engaging with the community.

JL suggested that our Local Development Plan now needs a linked Action Plan, which will identify the partners who should come together to deliver on local priorities such as the harbour development. It was agreed that all interested groups need to work together and consult with the community when appropriate. JL agreed that the Planning Group, which has both CCT and EKCC members, will progress the Action Plan and take it to both groups for agreement.

The Network Centre

JL mentioned that the condition of the buildings at the Network Centre had been raised at a recent Planning Group meeting. MT checked the water/plumbing during recent cold spell and found it to be in order. AM advised that some timber was in the Heritage Centre ready for the display boards to be mounted on the walls. AB suggested that the time may be right for CCT to form a sub-group to manage the Network Centre, just as we had sub-groups for other areas of work.

Access Road - Broomfield

Further correspondence had been received from a resident in the area requesting that CCT make a contribution towards repair of the road as it owns the lockups and land adjacent to it. As it is understood that the residents have already commissioned the work, it is unlikely that grant funding would be forthcoming. AM mentioned that he had spoken to the resident and given him advice in relation to the problem. Following further discussion it was agreed that MT would reply to the resident and advise of CCT's position.

Co-option of New Trustee

MT mentioned that he had spoken to a recently retired member of the community who expressed an interest in joining the Board. It was unanimously agreed that the person should be invited to the next meeting in a fortnight's time. **ACTION: MT**

AOB

AW announced that after much thought he had decided to stand down as Chair. After serving for over six years, and with fresh commitments to another group, he felt the time was right to move on. He will however remain as a trustee until matters with the shop have been resolved. AW proposed that he stay on until the end of the month to allow the Board to find a new Chair. AW then left the meeting.

Board members discussed the situation and it was agreed that TL would take on the role of interim Chair until the AGM. This will be confirmed at the next meeting when AW will handover to TL.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 24 February at 6.30pm

The meeting was closed at 7.30pm