

New Luce Community Trust (NLCT) Board Meeting

Wednesday, 15 November 2017
New Luce Memorial Hall, Main Street, New Luce

MINUTE of MEETING

In attendance:

Directors: Nigel Forster (Chairman), Lorna Galloway, Alistair McClelland, Eileen McClelland, Neale McQuistin.

Other- Jak Kane, Sharon Cameron

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Sharon Cameron who had been appointed as NLCT Development Officer following the recruitment process.

1) Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minute of the meeting of 19 July 2017 was approved and it was agreed that a copy of the minute should be posted on the Trust's website.

3) Finance Report

Jak Kane distributed a Finance report that showed SPR had released the final instalment of £19,321.43 for the Community Benefit for the Construction phase of Kilgallioch. A community benefit payment of £18,333 had also been received in respect of RES Glenchamber. Jak explained that in 2016 an additional payment of just under £12,000 had been received from RES for unclaimed grants from its Local Electricity Discount Scheme and he had contacted RES to ask if a similar payment would be received this year

4) NLCT Development Officer

Sharon Cameron had circulated a draft Work Plan and associated papers prior to the meeting. She explained that it had been drawn up to cover the key areas identified in the Community Action Plan.

Communications – Broadband and Mobile phone signal – Sharon had carried out some research and had made initial contact with providers.

Winter Fuel Scheme – Sharon had drawn up a draft application form for the Winter Fuel Scheme and it was approved by the Board. Each household in the Community Council area would be eligible for a payment of £200 to be paid in January 2018. Neale McQuistin questioned if the scheme fell within the parameters of the Community Benefit rules and it was agreed that Sharon would contact SPR for approval before launching the scheme. *SPR subsequently confirmed that the Winter Fuel Scheme was an appropriate use of Community Benefit funds but restricted the level of support to £150 per household.*

Community Transport – Sharon had drafted a community survey on the need for a Community Transport project and it was agreed that the community would be given the opportunity of saying how a Community Transport scheme would best serve their needs.

Underused Buildings – Sharon had drafted and circulated an Awards for All funding application

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that would enable a feasibility study and options appraisal on the potential of the Kenmuir Arms, the former church, the Memorial Hall and the Village Shop. Community Enterprise had been approached for a quote for the work involved. It was agreed that the funding application should be submitted.

Sharon had also distributed a draft newsletter announcing her appointment and explaining some of the above.

5) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)

Neale McQuistin had been appointed as Chair of KCBC and he advised that the Trust would be receiving a Minute of Agreement for signature. The Minute of Agreement between KCBC and NLCT laid out how future payments of Community Benefit from SPR Kilgallioch would be managed. KCBC would be signing a similar document between SPR and KCBC with KCBC receiving an annual payment from SPR. KCBC would then distribute payments to the four core communities. The first payment would be £71,250.

6) Endowment Fund

SPR had agreed that 10% of the Kilgallioch Community benefit payments could be committed to an Endowment Fund with each of the four core communities being allocated its own 2.5% share each year. The funds would have to be transferred in the year the benefit was received and the option could not be accumulated or rolled over from year to year.

It was agreed that Jak Kane would contact Investment Trusts for advice on how these funds could be invested to provide greater returns.

7) Any Other Business

There was no other business