



Board Meeting

DATE: 27th June 2017, 7.30pm

VENUE: Applecross Hall

Attendees

Owen Kilbride (Chair), Roslyn Clarke, Valerie Hodgkinson, Nick Goldthorpe, Henry Robertson

In attendance

Alison Macleod, Zuzana Vojackova

Apologies

Jill Olsen

Previous minutes	ACTIONS
<p>Previous minutes proposed by Owen and seconded by Nick</p>	
<p>Matters Arising</p>	
<p>Owen reported that he has tried to get in touch with Julie Hogg and left a message on her phone so far. M&S representative responded. The money from the competition prize was intended to be spent on thermal tank and wiring for the new shower block at the campsite as it's adjacent to the hydro (the deadline for this is March 2018) Nick mentioned that this may no longer be possible as he is still dealing with the Trust regarding this issue. Alison M will arrange a meeting with Alison Goldthorpe to discuss the development of the new shower unit. Alison M mentioned that she was approached by Community Energy Scotland with a different suggestion for the use of the extra heat. This would be using the extra energy locally.</p> <p>It was suggested that the relationship between AppleJuice and ACC, regarding the use of extra energy, needs more clarification in decision making on any proposed project/use of energy. Agreement between companies is perhaps needed.</p> <p>Owen mentioned, that he was approached by members of public regarding the swimming pool project. He is going to visit Kintail swimming pool and investigate more about costs etc. This was noted by the board.</p>	<p>Alison</p>

Matters arising	
<p>It was suggested that a formal procedure should be set up when any member of a public or a group suggests an idea for a project to the board. This idea was welcomed by the board.</p> <p>Financial procedures were finalized and every director will be supplied with a hard copy as well as a document on Dropbox. The document will be dated.</p> <p>Inventory of assets was put together by Alison and Zuzana. This will also be stored in the directors' Dropbox folder.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Z</p>
ACT Report	
<p>Owen provided a brief report on ACT's activities.</p> <p>Most efforts have been spent on AppleNet in the last few months. The West Coast Backbone connection is still going ahead, but not without difficulties. Despite this, communities further south that are already connected are experiencing good speeds. The network engineer visited Applecross at the weekend and with Sean's help reconnected most households that were without connection for a few weeks. Some households are however still without connection. This needs further attention.</p>	
Financial report	
<p>Financial committee was put together and will meet on 11th July (7.30pm, venue is to be organized). Suggested members are Nick, Owen, Alison and Zuzana.</p> <p>Zuzana is still in process of setting up Quickbooks to suit the company's needs regarding financial reporting to the board.</p> <p>It was suggested for ACC Amazon account to be set up. This will be discussed at the Financial Committee meeting.</p>	
Communications	
<p>Directors were urged to supply their photographs for the introduction poster designed by Valerie.</p> <p>Social media names were agreed and will be included on the poster (proposed name: @ApplecrossACC).</p> <p>Valerie will approach Emma Noble regarding a quote for the new website. Quotes from other designers are welcome.</p> <p>Valerie mentioned that she is waiting for the social media tags to be confirmed and the languages checked on the signs. The signs will then be ready to go to print.</p> <p>A laminated sign will be put up at the public toilets regarding the outdoor tap.</p>	

Projects

Alison gave a brief introduction of the CCF (Climate Challenge Fund) projects that ACC was running in the past.

(Development of the Hydro Scheme - Carolyn Peterson, Applecross Energy Efficiency - Valerie Hodgkinson).

There is a chance for a new 2-year project from CCF that could be used either for a Transport project or Compostin/Growing Project; or both as ACC can be eligible for 2 projects from CCF.

The Transport Project would concentrate on developing the use of energy from the hydro, lease (not purchase) of EV to use in a community car club or to meet with public transport etc, promote cycling, ...

The Composting/Growing Project would concentrate on the build of polytunnels, allotments, composting etc

This time the projects are allowed by the funder to generate income as this wasn't a case in the past.

EOI needs to be in by August. The board welcomed these projects' suggestions.

Alison will apply for a funding (from HIE) to enable the board/members visit other communities with same/similar projects. The board gave this a go ahead.

A cover for Anna, when off (sick/holidays), needs to be put in place. It was proposed to approach Judith to hire her staff who would provide the cover. An extra paid half a day to allow deep cleaning of the facilities was also suggested for Anna. The budget on toilets' costs needs to be prepared to allow the board make an informed decision on Anna's pay rise as well as any extras.

Alison submitted the application to the Discretionary fund and is awaiting response.

A new donation box for the public toilets was ordered.

The community phone box discussed in the past was mentioned again. Nick offered to organize a pickup of the box from Beauty???. Ewen Gillies offered to refurbish the telephone box in the past and a concrete base will need to be put in. The purchase of the pay phone will be the costly part.

Alison submitted the application to Highland Council regarding the use of land surrounding the Public Toilets.

The land at the surgery has been cleared by Duncan Fraser at the weekend to allow further feasibility studies to go ahead. Duncan's help is much appreciated.

EOI was sent to the Scottish Community Development Consultation for a provision of a community consultation funding for Applecross. If the funding comes through, a public consultation would likely take place at beginning of the next year to mark a 10-year anniversary of ACC and would allow to review company's objectives, future projects and suggestions from community members.

It was agreed by the board that the next project discussed at the next meeting will be Housing.

Date of next meeting	
<p data-bbox="70 152 359 188">7th August, 7.30pm</p> <p data-bbox="70 228 504 264">Meeting was closed at 9.30pm</p>	