

Assynt Development Trust Limited

Minutes of Board Meeting 4:30pm 24th September 2019 Community Room, Lochinver Village Hall

Present

Willie Jack (WJ), Marianne Hutchison (MH), Nigel Goldie (NG), Sarah-Anne MacLeod (SAM)

In attendance

Ewen McLachlan (EM)

Apologies

Boyd Alexander (BA), Edwin de Jong (EdJ) Adam Pellant (AP),

Conflicts of interest

None

2. Minutes of Board meeting of 15th August 2019

Proposed MH, Seconded NG Agreed

3. Matters arising (not addressed elsewhere on the agenda)

2. Geopark – no progress since last meeting

5B Financial period is now 1st July 2019 to 31st December 2020

5C ICF – November for info

12 Depopulation – WJ met with George Farlow. MH suggested that we should meet with our HC councillors to discuss the issue. WJ to draft a letter to all three to discuss issue such as tourism & depopulation

14 AOB MH has submitted an application for £155 for Big Climate Conversation. Asking Ullapool shop to come - last week in October for meeting. Quite a structured meeting with pre-set questions. Possibly to be held on Sat 26th MH & EM to co-ordinate Worth doing to start the conversation.

4. Financial & Legal

a) ACA Ltd and AC (T) Ltd financial update

RBS bank statements 6th August to 18th September 2019

No questions, Agreed as correct

Financial Report 1st July 2019 to 31st December 2020 with Actual figures for July & August 2019 plus

Forecast for September 2019 to December 2020

Reports introduced by WJ in absence of EdJ Proposed by MH Seconded SAM

d) Proposed amendments AC(T) Ltd company Articles of Association

Last meeting it was agreed that AC(T) Ltd amends its articles along the lines of the proposed changes to AF's Assynt.Biz. The paper attached is for adoption by the board of ADT

The paper was discussed by the board and adoption was Proposed NG Seconded MH, approved

5. Making Places Design Charrette/ SLF –CAT / Housing

Presentation of Final Report of Making Places Design Charette

Discussion on housing issues with regard to Making Places Design Charrette, HSCHT, Scottish Land Fund Proposal is to proceed with everything recommended in the action plan of Site E, F, GHI, B & The Glebe and The Chandlery Site and land adjacent to it. Proposed by NG Seconded SAM

Proposal to proceed with exploring the Free Church Manse /Site for a possible flat / house conversion project. Proposer by SAM Seconded NG

6. Vision, Mission statement

No further progress yet

7. e.Bike Project Update

Data reporting will be required for EST soon. EM to co-ordinate with KS at ALC

8. Discover Assynt Update

a) Website update

Verbal update by WJ from reports from Jane

b) The Loo at the Light update

WJ has installed an extra door closer and the door seems to close in all weathers. LS is maintaining the Loo for the Trust.

9. Highland Wireless Update

Verbal update provided by WJ – no more progress yet by HW

10. Culag Park Update

Honorary grounds person role – Mentioned Ian Taylor (Bertha)

WJ to speak to Stuart re the post. Sarah mentioned Ian Colston. It was agreed that the Trust should advertise the role. MH advised that Joe is happy keeping the new mower in the shed

Gates – WJ not spoken to Donald MacKenzie – to replace the gate with disabled accessible Kissing gate
Possibly adjust kissing gates too / Gates are being left open by some

11. Cludgie Waste Project

The Trust is awaiting the Cameron Ross design work on the Cludgie scheme. All on hold till then. AP is drafting the tender documentation but much of to detail will be contained in the work from CR.

13. Development Officers Reports

a) Report from Adam

See report for period 6th August to 17th September

No comments

b) Report from Ewen

See report for period 4th September to 17th September

e.Car Club idea working with other trusts. Will hear the result of EOI by 4th October

Signage – Ewen met with Joanna Sutherland & Brian, Ewan (intern) in Golspie on Friday to discuss. New road-signs with NC500 signs are to be installed. Will arrange a walk round at end of October / beginning November. Ewen to advise Liam Taylor as Chair if ACC. MH & SAM concerned that if signage is provided that is seen to be inadequate, then ADT could be to blame.

Toilets at Achmelvich – continuing as at present

Bins to progress – same as Ullapool – EM to speak to Caroline at dump

14. AOB

Nothing to report

15. Proposed dates of next meetings

Wednesday 20th November 2019 2:00-5:00pm

Thursday 23rd January 2020 2:00--5:00pm

AGM Tuesday 18th February 2020 7:00pm