

RAASAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting of the committee of Raasay Community Association held on Monday, November 20, 2006, at 4, Inverarish Terrace, Raasay

Present

Roland Stiven (in the chair) (RS)
Sadie McLeod (SM)
Caroline McKechnie (CM)
Jill Westgarth (JW)
Apologies were received from Davie Carslaw

Prior to the meeting, an informal meeting had been held to collate information for the meeting to be held the following day with Raasay Outdoor Centre. It was decided to continue now with the meeting planned for tomorrow evening, as there was only limited business to transact.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on October 17th 2006 were signed by RS as a correct record.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

(a) Site boundaries and plan: SM had received an urgent email from Douglas Graham, Solicitor (DG) concerning the former Trustees of the Village Hall. As DG was about to go on holiday, SM had telephoned him and he would send the necessary papers for them to sign. RS stressed the urgency of the matter; the previously advised date of entry (November 10th) would not now be met, and until this matter was resolved we could not draw down any of the BLF grant.

All please note

(b) SLCVO AGM: JW said that she had agreed that her name could go forward for nomination to the Board; SM advised that RS needed to write formally to nominate JW.

Roland

(c) Child Protection Training: SM said that she was hoping to be able to arrange this on Raasay rather than Skye; a grant would be payable for half the cost. This would be available to relevant local organizations too. She would continue to follow this up.

Sadie

3. Updates on construction timetable

- The excavation work has started with Hugh Mackay starting on site on 2nd November.
- The architect visited the site with engineers from AJ construction and representatives from K2 (the polish builders) on the 8th November.
- We expect to take on AJ construction to design and build a much cheaper steel frame for the building. This will form a design and build element of the construction contract.

- Given the solid nature of the ground, the engineers are also proposing a gabion construction instead of a retaining wall which will save considerable cost.
- Dualchas will review and revise our contract with Watermans to ensure there are clear arrangements for engineering responsibilities.
- It is likely the timetable has slipped slightly though it is still hoped to sign the construction contract before Christmas.

4. Community Resource Worker

RS reported that the post had been extended because of the delays and he would be meeting with Rosie Somerville (the CRW) later this week.

5. Check list for ERDF

RS drew attention to the list of paperwork requirements needed as part of the claims and audit process. This list was extensive and would take some considerable time to put together. We should earmark a couple of days, possibly in the new year, to do this together.

All please note.

6. Annual report and accounts for 2005/2006

JW advised she had received the accounts from CM which had been inspected by Alasdair Nicolson. These could now be sent off to OSCR and, later, to Companies House. The meeting authorized her to prepare the formal Annual Report (which would be broadly the same as last year's) required by both these bodies, in consultation with RS.

7. Next meeting

It was agreed the next meeting would take place (provisionally) on **Monday December 11th at 2 pm**, venue to be confirmed.

All please note time!

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed.....

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