

CCDTmay 2020 Callander Community Development Trust

Minutes of VIDEO MEETING of CCDT Board held on 29 May 2020

Participants: L.Cameron M.Griffiths M.Heen S.Holden M. Holloway
L.Isgrove A Mitchell M.Moore D.Moore F.Park P.Prescott M.Warnock
H. Terry A.Docherty Apology: B.McKay

Minutes of April meeting: Approved. prop: D.Moore; sec: A Mitchell

Callander Community Support Group: A full report was provided by the Town Coordinator who is managing the project, with assistance from the VIC Manager who has been redeployed to the Support group from April. The many aspects of the TC's responsibilities were detailed, including managing volunteers, liaising with local community services and groups, negotiating with suppliers, linking with FETCH, staffing the helpline, making funding applications, and responding to over 32 covid-related questionnaires from local or national bodies.

The Support Group has compiled a list of vulnerable households, quite a number referred by community services such as those of Stirling Council, and by local groups such as Callander Kirk Pastoral Care and Craigard Club, but several who do not seem to have been previously identified. Thanks to a Scottish Govt Grant, SG has now provided 2 cooked meals per week to many on that list. The meals are prepared by a local chef, currently furloughed, in CYP premises kindly donated, and delivered by volunteers.

Several generous private donations are in reserve for purchase of essential resources like masks, food containers, as required. Some local businesses have also contributed one-off supplies of meals and sanitiser.

It was agreed that the helpline hours could now be reduced as initial intense demand has now settled into many fewer daily calls, and an ansaphone message will be used at weekends.

It was noted that Town Coordinator has worked an average of 6 days per week since March instead of the 3 days per week in her contract. Attendance at meetings of other Callander groups also have to be included in her time.

Hydro Awards Fund: At the recent meeting of the Awards committee, the following awards were agreed:

Callander Heritage Society: reprint *Stories in the Stones* leaflet..
£975 to be paid when covid-19 restrictions allow Visitor Info Centre to re-open.

Callander Meander group: Dr Bike/pop up active travel hub events..
£625 to be paid when covid-19 restrictions allow events to take place

Stirling CAB Callander Outreach: July 2020-June 2021 .. £13,000 in 2 payments

Callander Community Support Group: Covid-19 response....£4,500

The CCDT Board approved the revised Terms of Reference for the Hydro Awards Fund committee.

The Board agreed to the inclusion of recent awards in the Board minutes

The Board agreed that any (CCDT Board) directors leading a project who intend to apply to Hydro Awards Fund should include mention of that in their reports to the Board.

Next applications deadline 30 June; decision meeting 14 August.

Asset Transfer Group, Community Woodland:

Following the Forest Land Scotland acceptance of the application to purchase Coilhallan Wood on behalf of the community, a Stage 2 application for funding is now being prepared to submit to the Scottish Land Fund by mid June ,with a decision due by late October.

SLF have warned that there will be steep competition for grants, as this is the penultimate session before that fund is wound up. If it is successful , ATG will need to raise funds for the difference between the likely 95% covered by the SLF grant and the total valuation.

Various ways of doing this are under discussion by ATG.

Noted that T.Kliskey will take the project forward in the next phase, following M.Griffiths who, having led during phase 1, will now concentrate on other commitments.

Reports received: Heritage Society; Leisure Centre:

Finance: General account 44,044

Hydro Awards Fund 43,371

Festivals 1123

AGM: The AGM should be held in July but accountant who will prepare the annual accounts is currently inundated with requests for help from business clients and the AGM may have to be postponed till CCDT accounts are ready. The matter will be re-assessed in the June CCDT Board meeting.

Current Member Directors resign each year but are eligible for re-election at AGM

Current Appointed Directors should check with the group they represent that they are to continue as representatives for the following year.

Visitors : There was much discussion about the influx of visitors to Callander and attendant traffic, hygiene and distancing problems during the current period of lockdown. It was agreed to pursue all means possible to alert SC and NP authorities to recent experiences.

Visitor Information Centre: The question of whether or not the VIC should open was also considered.

(A meeting of the VIC Board held 3 days later agreed that the VIC should delay re-opening until 2021 . However, during 2020, on-line provision of the information most commonly requested would be developed).

There was no other business

Minutes approved on 26/06/20 by Board in video meeting.