**THE GLENGARRY TRUST**

**QUARTERLY TRUST MEETING**

**Monday 8th June 2020**

**6.00pm via Zoom**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** C. Grant (CG), M. MacRae (MMR, Chair), R. MacCallum (RM), M. MacLennan (MM), C. MacLennan (CM)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** A. Cooper (AC, Secretary)

**APOLOGIES:** J. Sutherland (JS)

**Minutes of the last meeting**

MM proposed and CG seconded with no amendments. Action points were then discussed.

**Postponement of AGM**

We will hope to hold this in September with the aim that members of the public can attend.

**Coronavirus response**

To date we have delivered 37 community larder boxes for anyone affected by COVID-19. It is important that we all continue to spread the word and encourage people to apply. These boxes are for anyone affected in any way by the public health crisis. We have given all families a cheque and a follow up letter to ask if they need anything further. We have started delivering hot meals – three days so far. Concerns raised about the cooker in the hall and Benneiun have agreed to pay for a new cooker. 84 meals each day between the three villages. Funding has been sought to run until October – hopefully for all these initiatives. No crisis grants so far in Invergarry – criteria to have less than £500 savings and apply for Universal Credit or waiting for some other funding and each case is considered individually.

**Applications for discussion**

**JC/242**

The funding has been returned as no competitions will go ahead this year.

**GCC/243**

This project can now have funding awarded as the additional information has been provided.

**Action:** AC to send out letter confirming grant award in the sum of £1200

**GCC/244**

MMR commented that a skip had appeared in the village last Friday and the second due Tuesday 9th June. Aim is to continue with all six skips. The Community Council have also now confirmed acceptance of the grant.

**Action:** AC to send out relevant paperwork following acceptance of the grant award.

**P67/247**

Funding has been returned with the aim of reapplying next year.

**GGASAC/248**

Intend to hold this later in the year if possible.

**FIG/249**

Withdrawn

**GHG/250**

Withdrawn until 2021.

**Applications for consideration**

*SG/251 – student application*

This is the applicants first application. Has used the application form for an Individual. This means no detail on the course applied for.

**Action:** Confirmation of course entry and accommodation is required before a decision can be made. Advice on completing the correct form and AC to address whether the question ‘are you a student’ should be rephrased for those who haven’t started their course.

*SG/252 – student application*

Some discussion about the course year having finished the week prior to this meeting. Some queries were raised about the receipts provided as well as some were for August 2019 which was prior to the second year having begun.

**Action:** AC to confirm with applicant that this is the last time they can apply as a student as this is their fourth application. Technically a retrospective application. Suggest funding the course year 2020-21 on production of an invoice for student accommodation or similar.

*TGCC/253 – Three Glens Community Care*

Trustees discussed in detail the proposal and wondered what the long term plan for this project is in terms of becoming self-sustaining? There is a similar scheme in Foyers but there is also a surplus of funding in a small community. Concern about the expectation to continue post the initial period. Trustees were broadly supportive of the project but wouldn’t be able to commit at this stage to funding for two years’ time.

**Action:** AC to write and ask for confirmation of a working agreement with Highland Hospice and what their contribution to the project is. Has the funding been received from Benneiun? What is the exit strategy and the expectation in three years’ time?

*GCW/254 – Glengarry Community Woodlands*

The applicant wants to put in a road and upgrade the existing building.  CG explained that the planning process for the social enterprise development was underway and that the Council had given very positive feedback so far. Employment opportunities will be created as a result of this project.  Queries were raised about the type of accommodation, whether it would be similar to any currently available and the facilities.  CG explained that consideration had been given to this and the cabins would not be like anything similar already in the village. CG also explained that there would be toilets and showers built as part of the proposed refurbishments.  The applicant has provided the Child Protection statement on request.  Funding has been approved by Benneiun.

**Action:**AC to write to the applicant to explain that the project has been approved but that the funding will be released in two stages – first stage will cover planning related matters and the second stage will be for the renovations and road build once planning is approved.

*GSC/255 – Glengarry Shinty Club*

This application came in late, however a one time exception was made due to exceptional circumstances. There is no copy of accounts or constitution attached. MMR requested further information on the budget breakdown and some invoices have been provided. Applicant has asked for the full amount of funding without providing any match funding. Trustees require confirmation that the proposed training will go ahead. Trustees are very supportive of the Shinty Club and their work in the community but need further information.

**Action:** AC to write to ask for a set of accounts, a copy of the constitution, confirmation of training and the applicants own funding contribution to the project.

**Report on applications to date**

This was provided to all Trustees.

**Completion reports**

The following reports were received and discussed:

SG/225 – student application

GCC/217 – Community Council website development

SCA/234 – Senior Citizens Association

FI/236 – Student trip abroad

**Finances**

Year end is in at the accountant. Annual return for OSCR has to be completed but a complete set of accounts now needs to be uploaded.

We have now got a Cooperative Bank account open. AC hoping to open a further account with Barclays. RBS is not being taken forward. Internet banking being set up for the Bank of Scotland account for future transactions.

**Update on website and Facebook**

AC provided a quick update – social media presence is greater than ever before and the Facebook platform is being used to get messaging out about COVID-19 related funding opportunities (both our own and other useful information). We now have 112 page likes on Facebook and the website is complete and pulls through our top three stories from Facebook.

**Other business**

MM asked about the constitution and AC confirmed that we have a clause within the constitution which allows us to make changes. All agreed that the constitution should be amended to remove Peter Walker’s name.

**Action:** AC to update constitution as per above agreement.

RM explained that the Three Glens Business’ Reopening Group may be looking for funding as they are now established and might have projects in mind. CG said they were looking for a Community Council contact which RM confirmed he had passed on.

CM offered support for COVID-19 response if it was needed. MMR explained hot meals are delivered on Thursdays and Sundays.

**The meeting closed at 19.25pm**