**THE GLENGARRY TRUST**

**AGM**

**Monday 13th June 2022**

**7.00pm Glengarry Community Hall**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** C. Grant (CG), M. MacRae (MMR, Chair), M. MacLennan (MM), J. Sutherland (JS), B. Swannell (BS)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** A. Cooper (AC, Secretary), R. Lynn (RL, Glengarry Community Woodlands Board nominee), J. Rodgers (JR), M. Marasoiu,

N. Stewart (NS, Glengarry Community Council nominee), C. Menzies (CMe), K. Brown (KB)

**APOLOGIES:** C. MacLennan (CM), E. Murchie (Falck), M. Townsley (SSE), L. MacNally (Treasurer Glengarry Community Council)

**ABSENT:** D. Collins (DC)

**Minutes of the last meeting**

JS proposed and CG seconded with one minor amendment.

**Chair’s report**

MMR shared a report on the various projects awarded grant funding (please refer to the annual accounts for a full list).

MMR explained to those present that BS is a representative of the Parent Council and DC is representative for the Community Council. DC has subsequently resigned from the Community Council but has stayed on until this years AGM. KB indicated that the Community Council have a nominee. MM is representative for the Hall Committee and there is a new position for a nominee from the Glengarry Community Woodlands.

MMR shared a copy of the draft accounts with those present to support illustrations of the work of the Trust over the last year.

**Finance report**

MMR shared the annual accounts with those present. No specific questions arose.

A copy of the annual accounts will be made available on our website.

Spending has been £57,844 with current reserves of £299,188.

Changing signatories on the bank accounts has taken the best part of a year with significant hold ups on the part of the banks in question. This process will need to be completed again if there are Trustee changes.

There is a further restricted sum of £20,000 of COVID resilience funding with some bills due, for example for the Jubilee party.

There is also £50,000 approximately due from SSE which has not been drawn down due to limits in bank accounts of £85,000 – they require six months notice should we wish to do this.

We have 4 bank accounts currently.

It has been a reasonably busy year compared to last year but not as busy as usual due to COVID. Looking forward to supporting the community in any way we can.

**Updates to the Trust Deed**

AC shared copies of the updated Extract of Trust Deed. AC commented that this has been updated to reflect virtual and hybrid meetings being possible, to add a nominee from Glengarry Community Woodlands and remove a requirement for a nominee from the Church, to remove the specific clause about financial expertise and to add details such as our website now holding previous minutes and annual accounts.

MMR commented that Twin Deer Law had kindly volunteered pro bono to make the required changes for us, saving the community a considerable amount of money and being very helpful and supportive in the process. OSCR have been informed and the legal processes are now complete.

**ACTION:**  AC to upload the new Deed to the website and publicise the changes

**Trustee nominations and elections**

There was a Trustee nomination from Glengarry Community Woodlands (GCW) for Ross Lynn. This is the first nomination from this organisation as the Trust Deed has changed to reflect this addition.

There was a Trustee nomination from the Community Council for Neillie Stewart. NS will automatically replace DC as the nominated representative so she is no longer a Trustee.

All Trustees present indicated that they would be happy to continue in the role of Trustee and AC noted feed back from CM in her absence that she would also like to remain a Trustee for the coming year, but that she did not wish to take up an Office Bearers role. MMR commented that CM had joined the Trust as a Parent Council nominee and had been asked to stay on. MMR had then joined as the Parent Council representative and stayed on. One Trustee was required to resign, as the maximum number is seven. KB asked about this as he felt that might be a prescriptive number. MMR explained that there were more Trustees nominated from community organisations than members of the public and that the number was felt to be adequate to encourage new Trustees to join.

MMR stated that she would be happy to step down if someone would like to take on the role of Chair. AC commented that the Deed was written in such a way that it encouraged a Chair to be nominated on an annual basis. BS, JS and CG expressed the view that they would prefer MMR to continue in that role. MM therefore took the decision to resign. MMR asked for huge thanks for all MMs hard work and support of the Trust over the years to be noted.

The Hall Committee will now be required to nominate a Trustee. CMe agreed this would be discussed at their AGM.

**Training needs**

MMR mentioned that we are still hoping to secure Trustee training with LEADER. CM asked for it to be minuted in her absence that she is working on getting this arranged but the trainer has recently moved jobs and is enquiring if he is still able to help in his new role.

**AOCB**

AC thanked everyone for coming to the public meeting and explained that in 2023 the Trust intended to invite some speakers to attend, a past applicant or two and possibly someone from another Trust to talk about their work. More details would follow.

**Dates for the coming year**

Application deadline 22nd August 2022 (meeting on 12th September)

Application deadline 21st November 2022 (meeting on 12th December)

Application deadline 20th February 2023 (meeting on 13th March)

Application deadline 22nd May 2023 (meeting and AGM on 12th June).

**The meeting closed at 19.45 pm**