**THE GLENGARRY TRUST**

**QUARTERLY MEETING**

**Monday 11th December 2023**

**7.00pm at the Glengarry Community Hall**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** C. Grant (CG), R. Lynn (RL), N. Stewart (NS), L. MacNally (LMcN), M. Davies (MD), M. MacRae (MMR, Chair)

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

**Minutes of the last meeting**

These were approved by CG and seconded by NS.

MMR raised a query about funding projects which had issues with bank account access due to, for example, bereavement. It was agreed that AC should seek advice from Renantis and SSE about their position on this.

**ACTION:** AC to seek advice from funders as per above.

**Updates to Trustees data**

RL is no longer a Board member of CAB.

**Declarations of interests**

NS was unable to comment on the student application.

**Applications for discussion**

*SG 343 - student application*

All Trustees agreed that this application met the criteria. The student has now applied three times and on this occasion had provided evidence of their tenancy agreement.

**ACTION:**  AC to write to the applicant to say that the grant is awarded in the sum of £750.

*GGWP 344 – Great Glen Water Park*

All agreed that this was a very important project. It was agreed by all to fund the project but to get an update as to the status of the group’s bank account and also confirmation that the £500 additional funding is in place. There was discussion about advertising the purchase of the defibrillator including posters/flyers for residents and possible advert in Ness News who have recently promoted similar in other locations.

**ACTION:**  AC to write to the applicant to say that the grant is awarded in the sum of £1000 and to enquire as to the bank account status and confirm other funds are in place.

AC raised two more applications from the previous meeting. We now have the receipts to pay the two Individual grants awarded. AC is still working on supporting the student who is required to provide evidence of costs and will feed back at the next meeting.

**ACTION:** AC to confirm bank account/s for individual grant payments to MMR

**ACTION:** AC to support student to submit evidence of costs

**Completion reports**

Three completion reports have been received in the period which were shared with Trustees.

* FAGG/295
* GCC/321
* GSC/305 – partial – AC to follow up

**ACTION:** AC to follow up on GSC 305

**Project update report**

AC shared the spreadsheet with Trustees and spoke about the completion reports received in the period.

**ACTION:** AC still to follow up the Railway Museum completion report – needs contact details for the person identified as a potential contact.

Trustees wonder whether we should explore a more simple application process for groups applying annually for the same type of funding who have a proven track record.

**ACTION:**  AC to explore this as part of the review of paperwork and systems

**Banking and finance**

MMR gave an update about the bank account signatory changes. Barclays bank have asked our accountant to confirm the names of Trustees.

**Glengarry Community Council Firework Fund**

LMcN explained that the Community Council have now returned the funds from the Fireworks grant which were unable to be used.

**Google storage and IT support**

AC explained that Google storage was getting dangerously close to full and advised Trustees she would liaise with MMR if further storage was required to be purchased.

AC also advised that there had been no progress with the person identified to help with IT support. CG said he might have the details of someone who could help and would send them on.

**ACTION:** CG to forward the details of potential IT support person.

**Renantis conference**

MMR, RL and CG fed back about attending the annual Renantis conference. They all thought it was a very good conference and had enjoyed their visits to the Ness Hydro and Culloden. They were reassured to learn that Renantis not only plan to build a further Millennium Windfarm extension but that the existing turbines will likely have a longer life than the originally planned 25 years.

MMR said that we should keep an eye on the types of courses students in Glengarry were doing as Renantis seemed to be more flexible about the courses they would award student bursaries for.

RL wondered whether we could ask for more information from a group called 9CC who manage much bigger funds but have criteria around how these are split – 30% to smaller projects and the remainder to larger ones.

**ACTION:** AC to follow up on getting more information from 9CC about how they work and what criteria they use

**ACTION:** AC to explore the Loch Ness Renewables Group who were mentioned as potentially providing funding to the Glengarry area

**Other windfarm developments**

Some Trustees had attended recent meetings about further proposed windfarm developments – Cullachy and Beiunneun. LMcN commented that Fred Olsen (Cullachy) had been in touch with the Community Council and provided a lot of information. The idea of a Development Officer to support with funds distribution in the community had been suggested.

**Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company AGM**

CG and MMR had attended this meeting and found it very interesting. There is now a Development Officer in place to manage the Convent Land and the Company are also acquiring the Service Point.

**UHI**

AC read an email from UHI hoping to recruit various communities to take part in an audio trail project. All agreed that it would be helpful to link them with the Heritage Centre. MD also commented that something similar had already taken place in our community with the Fort Augustus and Area Gaelic group getting the school children involved in a story map.

**ACTION:** AC to speak to Joane Whitmore at the Heritage Centre about participation.

**Community Benefit Guidance**

AC tabled the guidance sent round by the Community Woodlands. The guidance sets out expectations for landowners when proposing developments

in communities and therefore useful for Trustees to familiarise themselves with given recent meetings and proposed developments in Glengarry.

**Community Action Plan**

Trustees are happy to meet to feed in to the Community Action Plan stakeholder consultation but the meeting would need to be in the evening, preferably after 6pm and after Christmas. MMR, MD, NS and possibly JS (absent at this meeting) most appropriate to attend.

**ACTION:**  AC to feed back and set up a meeting.

**Bowmans**

LMcN explained to Trustees that the skip project run by the Community Council may face a challenge in 2024 due to new legislation which means a significant penalty fine if items of furniture with fire resistant coating are put in the skip. CG said he may have details of an alternative company who could remove the mixed waste and sort it. He will send LMcN the details.

**ACTION:** CG to send details to LMcN.

**The meeting closed at 20.40pm**