

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STRATHERRICK AND FOYERS
COMMUNITY TRUST HELD AT WILDSIDE WHITEBRIDGE AND VIA MS TEAMS
AT 7.00 pm ON WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2023**

Present	Gareth Jones (GJ), Kirsty Balfour (KB), Maureen McGuire (MM), Catriona Fraser (CF), Ken Sinclair (KS), Chris Gehrke (CG), Malcolm Stewart (MMS), Mark Sutherland (MS)
Apologies	Maire Brown (MB)
Non-attendance	Susan Greer (SG)
Chair	Gareth Jones (GJ)
In Attendance	Tony Foster (TF), Laura Walker-Knowles (LWK), Marie Keenan (MK)
Minutes	Laura Walker-Knowles (LWK)

Declarations of interest: None.

(A) INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

(B) MINUTES

KS **PROPOSED** and MS **SECONDED** and the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 May 2023 were **AGREED** as a correct record **APPROVED** and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

The Directors had reviewed the action list and going forward will update prior to Board meetings.

(C) FINANCE REPORT

The Board noted the circulated finance report.

Strengthening Communities Grant

Ratification of Directors' approval e mails.

The Trust have offered the position of Bookkeeper position and are awaiting acceptance.

Action: Review the job spec. for the Finance Officer on the website - KS

(D) GRANT APPLICATIONS

Constituted Group Grants

Applicant: Stratherrick Clay Target

Reason: New Toilet Block

Total Cost: £9,306.

Amount applied/eligible for: £9,306

The Board **APPROVED** the grant in the sum of **£9,306**.

Pre-Grant Offer

Three quotes had now been received and therefore the condition requesting these to show value for money could be removed.

Condition of Offer

Continue the work being done to promote membership of the club to the wider community. Provide an update on the number of active members in six and 12 months' time.

Action: Signs for 'supported by' – SW

Applicant: Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council

Reason: Operating Costs 2023 - 2024

Total Cost: £9,378.

Amount applied/eligible for: £8,878.

The Board **APPROVED** the grant in the sum of **£9,322**.

The recommended award was increased by 5% given the current financial situation.

Pre-Grant Offer

Before the grant is formally offered the Community Council's website should be brought up to date – including Accounts not online for 2022. Member changes, current Treasurer, COVID – update virtual meetings only info incorrect, forthcoming meetings beyond September – calendar to be included.

Condition of Offer

As per recent minutes of CC meetings, the Trust would appreciate a forward plan to cover the likely activities beyond the current year.

Student Grants

Applicants: Chantelle Lewis, Holly Emmott, Ellie Emmott, Daisy Ferguson and Roxana Elgar.

Amount applied/eligible for: £500.

The Board **APPROVED** the grants in the sum of **£500** each.

Stratherrick Public Hall

A second quotation from the Hall has been received for the electrical work. The Board **APPROVED** an increase in the previous award taking the Hall to its maximum grant over the 12 month period of £20,000. TF will put the Hall Committee in touch with the Trust Fundraisers to aid in finding the necessary additional funding.

Large Grant Application

Applicant: Boleskine Community Care Stage 1

Reason: Operating costs 2023 – 2026

Amount Applied For: £227,289

The three Assessing Directors gave a presentation to the Board on the grant application.

The Board **AGREED** the recommendation for the application to go back to SSE with a request for further information.

MS left the meeting at 9 p.m.

(E) BUDGET

The Board were pleased to note the proposed budget is in surplus at the yearend 2024.

The Board noted £900,000 income with £100,000 assigned to grants. The Board discussed reclassifying items which fit the criteria within the budget to grants in order to make it clear the Trust exists to make funding available to the community.

Action: Process for legacy projects to secure additional funding - TF

Board Meetings

The Board discussed reducing the number of Board Meetings during a calendar year. The suggestion of bi-monthly meetings was suggested to ensure Directors are still receiving regular updates.

Action: Project Manager interviews – MM & TF.

Legacy Fund Contributions

The Board discussed the pros and cons of reducing the Trust's 25% contribution to 10% to enable the Trust to deliver more immediate plans. The change could be limited to a 5-year period to move some projects forward quickly. If following the reduction, there is surplus at the yearend a lump sum could be invested.

The Board noted the hypothetical cash flow had negative balances each year over the 5-year period. MK explained the actual cash flow was positive and the hypothetical cash flow was to highlight what income was necessary to reach the aspirations of the Trust.

Action: Bring to the next meeting – August 2023 – TF/Finance

(F) AOCB

The Board thanked Marie for her work as Finance Officer for the Trust and wished her luck for the future.

(G) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.00 p.m. Wednesday, 2 August 2023 at Wildside Centre/MS Teams

The Meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Signed by Chair (GJ) _____

Date _____