

CARRICK CASTLE COMMUNITY TRUST

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Held in Lochgoilhead Village Hall

Wednesday 26th September, 2018

Present: Jean Murray (Chair), Jai Cowper-Smith, Cheryl Craik, Gordon Craik, Arthur Fairfull, Graham Mathie, Tom Murray

Apologies: Elizabeth Bain

Declarations of interest: None

Approval of minutes of meeting of 29th August 2018: Approved by Jean Murray, seconded by Cheryl Craik.

Matters arising: Noted under agenda items below, where applicable.

Treasurer's report: In Elizabeth's absence, Jean confirmed that there had been no change to the bank account status since last month. That figure (£19,083) will be boosted by £400 raised from the recent indoor boot sale (see below).

Land/facility acquisition: The lawyers are continuing to work through the details associated with completing the land purchase. Work is also progressing on the scoping study and development of an overall plan for the facility, to be presented to Community Members at an EGM in due course.

Articles of Association: There has been no update from our lawyers regarding the new OSCR application. The directors discussed the potential to apply for smaller grants even without the OSCR approval, but agreed it was nonetheless important to bring this work to completion. The item therefore remains on the agenda, pending Elizabeth's return.

Events: There is an on-going requirement to raise funds for the Trust, in particular to support establishing the Community facility once the land acquisition is completed, and thereafter to support the on-going running costs of the facility. Grant support will of course be sought, but cannot be guaranteed. With events being the primary income generator, these were discussed as follows:

- **Indoor boot sale.** The boot sale on 23rd September was again a successful and enjoyable Community event. Although a couple of stall-holders had to cancel at short notice, this was offset by brisk business in teas and coffees, a well-subscribed raffle, and several much-appreciated direct donations. Overall, having paid for the hire of the hall, the net profit for the Trust was almost exactly £400. The directors would like to record their thanks to all who took stalls, made donations, baked, helped with set-up, worked in the kitchen and supported the raffle.
- **Christmas Fair.** As noted previously, Lochgoilhead Village Hall has already been booked for the next Carrick Trust event, the Christmas Fair, to be held on Saturday 1st December. This will feature the usual variety of baking and other produce, refreshments, and other stalls. The directors will welcome the support and involvement of Community Members, and will be delighted to receive ideas for stalls or other ways to participate.
- **Carrick Fair.** Historically, Carrick Fair has been the main event on the Community calendar (held during Glasgow Fair). It has not however been held for the last couple of years, and the directors discussed the viability of reinstating it for 2019. In its heyday, the event raised significant amounts of money – and was a well-attended and much-enjoyed feature of summer in Carrick. Its success is however reliant on significant effort from an overall organiser and several assistants, over a period

of months leading up to the event. To determine viability, the agreed action is for directors to bring ideas for the event, and nominations for those to form the organising team, to the next meeting.

- **Overall Community support.** In discussing these events, the need for assistance and participation from Community Members is a recurring theme. The directors will make a specific point of canvassing support in the coming weeks, and will report back at the next meeting.

Defibrillator: The defibrillator training event on Wednesday 12th September attracted some 20 attendees, more than half of whom were from Carrick. Many thanks to Jeremy, who brought along 3 resuscitation dummies and defibrillators for us to practice with - and who made the evening informative, interesting and fun. Regarding the Carrick defibrillator, as its primary custodian Gordon is formally registering the machine – this system enables emergency services to direct 999 callers to the nearest machine.

Priority list from March 2018 meeting: Back in March, Cheryl carried out a survey to determine the top priorities for Carrick Community Members, and it's about time for a "mid-term report" on this.

- Top priority was a village meeting place, which is being progressed as noted above.
- Next priority was the defibrillator, now in place.
- Other priorities (such as improving the appearance of the central village area), and associated actions, will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Trees at Carrick roadside: The directors would like to record their thanks to all the local volunteers who brought their chainsaws to help clear the many trees blown onto the roadway and telephone wires by the recent high winds. Jean has written to Douglas Locke thanking the members of the Cormonachan Woodlands Association. As this is clearly going to be a recurring problem, advice is being sought as to who is formally responsible for these trees – for their maintenance, and from an insurance/liability perspective. Community Council Chairman Iain MacInnes raised this question at the Transport Forum on 26th September, and Councillor Alan Reid will also investigate further.

Any other business: On this occasion, there were no further topics raised.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 31st October, 2018.