

Leadhills Community Company Ltd.

Board Meeting 8th June 2017

at Hopetoun Arms Hotel

Present: Martin Pinkus
Sue Pinkus
Rab Campbell
Pat Wilders

1. Apologies:
Carsten Kressel

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting
Accepted and proposed by Rab Campbell and seconded by Sue Pinkus.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Fire Station:

Ian Burns is now the fire contact. We have not heard from him since 23rd May. Sue Pinkus contacted him again but he is out of office until 19th June.

3.2 Fire Station Registration Update:

Almost finished but still need to canvass for community members' agreement.

3.3 Registration of Interest (land):

Still need to update this after receiving comments from Stuart Hartl. EGM deadline for acceptance of the revised Articles of Association is 20th June. So far only 15 responses.

3.4 Andy Wightman:

Andy agreed to a £500 reduction of the outstanding payment. However, the Big Lottery (Martin Grant) did not give permission to keep this as he felt the potential purchases did not adhere to their rules and so it must be repaid to them

3.5 Donald Noble meeting:

Email not sent yet inviting him to a meeting.

3.6 Stage 1 application update:

Tenders have been sent to 4 prospective consultants. Jolene Martin has declined. Also, the Scottish Land fund amount has been raised to £27,000 to include costs for community consultation. Also, a copy of our Articles of Association was given to Ailsa Dalghetty (Community Land Scotland) but as it has been updated a new copy to be sent. The District Valuer was approached for the costs involved but not yet received.

3.7 Derelict Buildings - Community Council:

The outcome of the meeting with the Community Council is that we are going to take the place of the LVA (Leadhills Village Association) to purchase derelict houses. It was agreed that we would have a memorandum of agreement between the Council and the Company and that the Council would approach South Lanarkshire Council and apply for funding for demolition and rebuild. The Company would have to register with the Government as a Letting Agent. A link to the Rural Housing Fund to be sent to Pat by Martin Pinkus.

3.8 Fact Finding Funding:

Community Alliance has funding for this. Pat has the form to be completed. We need to

decide where we would wish to go and decided that one option would be the Isle of Harris as David Cameron would probably happily to sponsor us and they have a completed Hydro facility which would be good to see.

4 New Director:

Jolene Martin having declined being one of the consultants, is happy to assist us. Sue Pinkus asked whether she would join the Board which Jolene was happy to do. The Board was unanimous in accepting this nomination.

Anjo Abelaira - as Anjo is no longer a member of the Company he can no longer be a Director.

5. Insurance

It was decided to confirm that the LVA insurance would cover the Company. Pat to action. Solicitor

6. Companies House:

Annual return completed with Housing for lease and rent added. Cost was £13.

7. Legal Representation

DTAS would give us an annual one hour's free legal consultation and if necessary agreement on fees would be arrived at with the the legal representative. As an addition DTAS has a gas, electricity and oil buying service which would be good for the community in the future.

Angus Mackay (previously with HIE) willing to be our legal representative. His fees to be confirmed.

8. AOB:

Online payment to Andy Wightman. There was a problem with the telephone security code so the Board has agreed to the signing of the form to obtain a new security code.

Grants. Having discussed the various options, it was decided to apply for the Windfarm small grant.

Next Company meeting: Sunday July 9th at 6 pm at the Hopetoun

Next Board meeting: Thursday July 13th at 7.30pm at the Hopetoun