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| **Glentrool and Bargrennan Community Trust** |  |
| **Board Meeting, Wednes 12th July 2023,** |  |
| **7p.m. at The Glentrool Hive** |  |
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| **Present**: Meta Maltman (MM)(Chair); Stuart Bain (SB)(Vice Chair); Billie Jones (BJ) (Project Manager); Jayne Store (JS); Anne McFadden (AMcF); Susan McCalman (SMcC); Josie Taylor(JT). | **Action** |
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| **Apologies**: R. Crang; S. Rego; P. Store |  |
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| **Minutes of previous meeting:** |  |
| Accepted: proposed SMcC; seconded JS |  |
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| **Matters Arising:** |  |
| * Noted that the council have undertaken a minimal cut of grass verges just outside the village for road safety reasons. They will return later in the year to remove more vegetation.
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| **Finance Report:** | **SB** |
| * Healthy balance sheet for June 2023, noting good income for the Coorie, an uplift from the Lottery Grant. There are queries on the electricity bill being pursued with the supplier.
* 2022 accounts have been completed with Montpelier and sent to the auditors used last year. Questions already raised, hoped that the audit report will be available early September to allow submission to Companies House before the end of September
 | **BJ/SB****SB** |
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| **Manager’s Report:** |  |
| * JT asked whether village residents can book the Coorie for family and friends at a discounted rate. It was agreed that residents can receive a 15% discount by booking directly with BJ well in advance of their required dates. This will be confirmed in the next Hive newsletter.
* BJ had been in contact with Wave Utilities ad confirmed we are currently entitled to claim exemption.
* Village green mowers have been notified that they can claim for fuel used for mowing. SB to confirm details of remuneration with those involved.
* A mower has been purchased, found to have a part missing on delivery to the supplier. Delivery to the Hive is available and will be arranged once storage arrangements are in place.
* Gallery units have had wheels attached. Gallery exhibitors have been contacted to ask them for more stock; now waiting for responses.
* Two new members of staff appointed – Sarah Hearn for cleaning the Coorie and Jay Nevitte for cleaning public areas.
* Quote received for replacing the Hive chimney cover of £160 plus £75 to fit. Quote accepted.
* BJ informed the board that several residents had complained to the council about the danger presented by long grass around village road junctions which resulted in action by the council. Discussion around how to get council agreement for a speed limit outside the village especially as there are more children playing in the village. All to keep asking.
* Following the successful promotion last month to encourage bookings of the Coorie, BJ informed that there are 4 nights not yet booked for July and 9 nights vacant in August.
* A resident has complained that the play area posed some hazards to users due to its current state of repair and flaking paint. BJ advised that although the Trust owns the play area, the council is responsible for undertaking a safety inspection of the area and providing a report. The council changed contractors who do this so the inspection is currently overdue. The Trust can decide on action once the report is received. It is noted that the equipment is beginning to deteriorate as it is approximately 30years old.
* Visit Scotland have visited the Hive and now sent their letter of accreditation which is necessary to apply to the council for brown tourist information signs. BJ has been advised the Hive is eligible and will arrange a survey in due course to recommend how many signs are needed and where they should go. They currently have a delay in this process. JT suggested seeking funding to support acquisition and installation of the signs.
* New banners advertising the Hive and Gallery have been obtained and will be put up around the area. The Bike Fest banners will be put in different areas.
* GBCT were unsuccessful in the application for funding from Wigtown Area Festival committee.
* Funding applications will be submitted to Kilgallioch and Holywood trusts to support initial staffing for the café venture.
* A new coffee machine – bean to cup – has been generously donated anonymously.
* Fridges and freezers are needed to support catering for events and for the proposed café – this was agreed, and these will be put in the now vacant small office.
* BJ working hours will be revised with immediate effect to 09.30-16.00h Tuesday-Saturday.
* Gallery hours amended to 10.00-15.00h Tuesday-Sunday with Sunday being staffed by volunteers. Currently, tea and coffee will be available to visitors along with biscuits +/-baking if baking is available from volunteers.
* BJ to ask for volunteers in the next newsletter. Everyone to discuss volunteering with residents and neighbours.
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| **House and Hive Building Update** |  |
| * The retention has still not been paid off as some work outstanding.
* SB not yet finalised details for fencing in the gardens of Nos 43 and 41.
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| **Any Other Business:** |  |
| * Minutes of previous board meetings to go on the GBCT website.
* The long grass on the village green will be mown in August.
* AMcF asked about advertising of the amenities and events at GBCT. It was suggested that these be uploaded on to the *D&G What’sOn* website page and on the *I Love Newton Stewart* page.
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| **Date of Next Meeting:** |  |
| * The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 7pm at the Hive
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