



Board Meeting – Minutes

Minutes of the KCC board which met on Thursday 21st February 2008 at 7.30 pm at Kilmallie Hall.

1. **Present:** A MacPhie (chair), P Biggin (secretary), O Vietch, H Muir, P Brian
2. **Apologies,** L Taylor, A MacKenzie. R Grieve, J Ireland, J Willis
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** –were accepted and signed by the chair.
4. **Matters Arising**
Linda Taylor has agreed to act as a co-opted director but will be away a lot.

5. Membership

No new members or changes to note.

6. Finance.

A nil return account was successfully submitted to Companies House. The accounting year ends on 26th Feb. and accounts should be submitted soon thereafter. **Action Allan**

An invoice for the hire of the hall needs to be obtained (from Debbie Jones) and then paid.

Action Allan

A start up grant has been received. The initial instalment is £1000. The start up grant is for a maximum of £3000. (*further application for funding is possible but not, it seems, for legal expenses and not guaranteed.*)

7. Progress with Arjo.

Susan Torrance's offer to Arjo has been rejected. At the same time Arjo (John Govier) expressed the wish to negotiate a separate deal for the Corpach Woods. He suggested we meet with Ian Petrie. As Ian could not come to the meeting this Thursday Angus and I met him on Monday 18th. Ian gave us quite a bit of background on the Seafield plot. This is useful and relevant because a part of any money from that sale might be offset by Arjo against costs of the transfer of the woods but we still have no idea of time scale or costs. On the Corpach woods front Ian thought that all the boundary and deed research had been done by Bidwells and that this information ought to be available to us for land registration purposes etc.

Since Arjo essentially wants a land transfer at no cost to them we need to establish what the legal costs would be. It was agreed that Sec. should speak to Johnny Bell to get an estimate. (*I have now spoken with Johnny Bell. He has agreed that MacPhee and Partners will act for us. As expected he has agreed that we need to know what the costs will be. In round figures likely guesses are £1000 for our solicitors, £1000 for theirs, and £1000 for survey and incidentals. I.e. a total in the region of £3000 plus VAT!*)

I have written to John Govier to ask for an estimate of their solicitor's fees and for the cost of any further boundary work required for registration purposes.

I have spoken to Gail Rogerson of the Community Land Unit. As I thought, they are not going to be happy – nor should we be - with the idea of all of our start up grant being used to meet legal expenses; - our solicitors fees may be - but not the whole lot. Following on from that, we discussed the idea of a grant application for additional funding. "Investing in Ideas" was suggested.

Looking at the application form for "Investing in Ideas" - See attached - most is Ok but there is one element which we have to discuss. All of these grants are looking to strengthen community



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involvement. I think we would have a far better case if we could raise some funds from within the community.)

8. Date of next Meeting.

To be arranged soon once there is information on costs etc. (*With luck in the next week or so*)

9. AOB.

Ossie had some items which were deferred.

It was agreed that Sec. should write to the planners with questions about the designation of the two woods as “open space” and the area next to the graveyard which contains the path.
(see letter on file)

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm with thanks to the chair.