

Development Coll

MINUTES

Meeting held on Wednesday 2 July 2014 at 5:30pm

Public Session

Present : Lavinia Maclean Bristol
Seonaid Maclean Bristol
Nic Smith
Juliette Summers
Huw Roberts
Jen Royston (Minute Taker)
George McConnachie

Observers: Craig Douglas
Carol Flett
Peter Ings

Apologies: John Fraser

1. Register of Interests: Seonaid Maclean Bristol registered an interest in the mobile phone mast.

Conflict of Interest

Although she queries this conflict. Juliette queried Seonaid attending. There is a potential income for renting out the mast. Seonaid stated that the interests are now aligned. Huw stated that any decision we could take would be a commercial decision in which Seonaid could benefit. Juliette stated that as a director you would not be responsible for that project.

Lavinia asked for the directors to vote on whether Seonaid should leave the meeting during discussions about the mobile phone mast. Huw, Jen, Juliette and George stated that Seonaid should leave the meeting. Nic and Lavinia stated that Seonaid should not. The decision was taken that Seonaid would not be present during these discussions and that the agenda could be reorganised to minimise inconvenience to Seonaid.

Mobile Phone Mast

The lease has not been signed however Development Coll's solicitor Johnny has said that agreement is now fully binding on DC. The most recent update from the Scottish Government contact, Derek Graham, was that the aim would be to start work on 14 July 2014. A mast deployment plan has not been received and once received George will then be able to proceed. Information is needed from John Fraser as to who his contacts are to enable George to create and send the MOUs to the potential contributors. George looks at it from a tourism and shipping perspective. Any communication has to cc George George@developmentcoll.org.uk

ACTION: Huw to contact Olvin and Jen to push John to send all his contacts to George. Health Board, Fire and Rescue, Council, NHS are all to be contacted. Both sets of lawyers' fees have been capped. George will put up a bulletin with an update on the mobile phone mast on the website, an cridhe and notice boards.

Community Housing

The housing committee has not met recently. Advised to speak to counsellors about a planning consultation with the community. Planning Aid Scotland could be a source of info and assistance. Someone to help the community to develop the brief. Committee would provide a brief for what needs

to be achieved in the short term using George and Fra. If we have to pay for the land then the project will take a different form. Arlene Casey used to work for a housing association and would be a great source of info and has offered to help. Arlene will put together a short list of things to do in the short term. This will be signed off by three Directors. The Directors agreed to £500 budget for staff costs. 5:30pm meeting next Tuesday, Juliette, George, Nic and Lavinia will attend. Huw queried the costs, Social Investment Scotland would be the organisation to approach for the mortgage. Seonaid stated that there are many ways of financing.

ACTION 5:30pm meeting next Tuesday at which Juliette, George, Nic will attend and Arlene Casey will produce a list of short term actions, which will be signed off by the Directors in attendance.

An Cridhe Update

Annual survey is taking place to assess the difference between now and prior to the building of An Cridhe. This qualitative survey is then sent to the lottery. Vfm, pricing, customer care are assessed to see what improvements can be made. New events programme, 8 or 10 events for July/August. Personal licence training for George. Legionella risk assessment took place last week. Karen Macintyre and Caroline Sharp are the new Operations Assistants who do cleaning, reception, bookings and telephone enquiries. 4 hours floating for cover. George is pursuing options for residential weeks to generate out of season business. Finance meeting took place, deficit of £12,000. Seonaid questioned whether there is a need to staff 9 to 5pm. Nic said that we do not need the building staffed.

Management Team Update

The MC will be meeting once per month. Carol is planning the teen events. The MC will be meeting in the café and are monitoring the use of An Cridhe, Nic Smith volunteered to be minute secretary for Development Coll meetings. Huw stated that he would cover the legal aspects.

AOB

George's work includes looking at future funding options to cover LDO time. 2015 is the aim to be self sustaining for An Cridhe and Coll Bunkhouse. George's time spent on DC has to come from grant funding.

Juliette asked that her gmail address is used rather than her work address. The strategy day discussion could include: website management which could be the company secretary role, paying George to do DC work, permanent staff member for DC. As a member of the public, Peter suggested that the navigation of the website is not user friendly.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 5 August 2014