

Banchory and District Initiative Limited

Minutes of Board Meeting 4th December 2008 held at the East Church Hall at 7.30 pm

Attendance:

Sue Edwards; Tony Brown; Jean Henretty, Henry Allen, Margaret Paterson, Matt Merchant, Iain Fletcher

Apologies: Anne Lamb;

Cllr Jill Webster; Cllr Linda Clark; Cllr Karen Clark

Welcome

Members of the Board welcomed Iain Fletcher.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with minor amendments.

Administration, Organisation and Finance

3.1 Current Financial Position

TB presented the Treasurer's report. It was noted that a discussion is required on how to allocate funds. The Treasurer recommended that no further newsletters be published until sponsorship/advertising revenue was secure.

Action: SE to ensure allocation of funding on next meeting's agenda.

The financial accounts, prepared by Christine Wright were approved. (Proposed by S Edwards and seconded by Matt Merchant)

It was noted that an invoice for St Ternan's Security was required to claim against Common Good Fund.

Action: SE to follow up on missing invoice. TB to make claim.

3.2 Office Management

TB reported that the office is currently rented to K&D Befrienders and to SKILL. Some issues have arisen regarding office management.

Action: SE to follow up on issues with tenants.

4 Projects

Hanging baskets and floral decoration – a meeting is to be held with council representatives regarding possibilities for next year. Margaret Paterson is working with the schools to see how they could be involved. An offer of help from Christina Brown was noted.

SE reported on calendar sales, which were going well.

A paper on Smart Meeting (Rural Partnerships Project led by Logica) was circulated for comment but no action was noted.

A possible tourism project was discussed which had arisen from discussions with Judy Aylett of Marr Area Partnership. It was agreed that BDI should continue to support tourism development, however it was not clear how this should be done and how something could be achieved with current limited resources. TB volunteered to explore possibilities with various organisations.

No interest in CREW.

Fran Getliffe attended the meeting at this point to present a project proposal and draft Note of Interest in the Climate Challenge Fund. BDI were very supportive of the proposed project and a further meeting was arranged with Fiona Cameron of SCARF on Friday December 5th.

Tony and Jean were congratulated on their work for Making it Real. Analysis had begun on the comments which will lead to a report and a series of actions. This will be the subject of 'internal review' by BDI and BCC prior to discussion at the first Town Forum. Several issues were discussed: it was noted that:

- there is substantial support for the KGV Community Project;
- a facilities meeting is required specifically to address pitches, once the Council have published their report on pitch strategy;
- the details of the alternative site for Tesco did not appear to be in the public domain.

Arrangements for the next AGM were pending information from the Company Secretary and a date for the next Town Forum.

Next board meeting Thursday 29th January 2009.



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