

Kinnesswood Development Trust (KDT)

AGM 8th November 2021-11-08

(conducted by Zoom for Covid social distancing precautions)

Attendees: Elizabeth Porter, Dave Morris, Norma and Tom Smith, Charlotte Mackinnon, Diane Reid, Nicola Carmichael, Carol and Gordon Vance, Ann Dandy, Mike Thomson, Shelagh Goudie, Alison Robertson, Neil Robertson, Euan Porter

Welcome and apologies

Elizabeth thanked everyone for attending and confirmed meeting quorate (min of 15 members required) and we could proceed with the AGM.

Main business is to authorize accounts before they are submitted to Company's House and to elect/re-elect directors. The way forward for the trust will be discussed at a later date when (Covid restrictions permitting) we intend to hold a public meeting.

No apologies had been received

Chairman's Report

Elizabeth presented a PowerPoint presentation giving the background to KDT and how our launch and promotion of the trust was mothballed due to Covid. However it did play a valuable role in helping to establish a resilience network of support for vulnerable people in the village.

We now need to do some PR and community engagement to try and increase our membership which is currently only 56 people. In the meantime we need to identify some projects which might be of benefit to local residents eg an oil delivery club, increasing internet speed in the village, and use this as a way of engaging with folk and promoting the potential benefits of KDT.

Treasurer's Report

No income from funding was obtained in the first year and setup expenses (£375) were funded by the generous donations Elizabeth and Gordon.

There is only a need to declare balance sheet if it includes transaction so in our case there is nil return. No objections were noted and the Accounts were passed.

We will need to start fundraising for ongoing running costs (eg monthly website fee). Once our bank account has been established we can transfer the £150 awarded to us from the Portmoak Festival Charity Fund, into our account. This will go towards some of the ongoing cost.

Election/Re-election of Directors

To comply with the regulations in the memorandum , two trust directors have to stand down at the AGM, whilst the rest can remain. Charlotte and Nicola stood down. A request for other directors did not result in any nominations so Charlotte and Nicola were re-elected; Charlotte was proposed by Norma and seconded by Nicola, Nicola was proposed by Alison and seconded by Elizabeth)

Election for the positions of office were as follows:

- Chair – Elizabeth was re-elected unopposed
- Treasurer – Elizabeth was re-elected unopposed
- Secretary - Charlotte was elected unopposed

NB Elizabeth clarified that whilst she was happy to continue as treasurer for another year, she would not be able to continue when the Trust becomes more active – Gordon kindly offered to help if required in the meantime.

AOB

There was a brief discussion on how we should proceed with re-launching and publicizing the Trust. Alison has investigated potential funds available to help and support this process.

Charlotte and Alison will meet to discuss what funds are available and the work involved in applying to use them.

Our intention is to hold a public meeting in the hall in the spring - covid restrictions permitting (the hall is not taking bookings for meetings till April.)

Ideas for PR and community engagement prior to the hall meeting were discussed:

- Online eg via facebook/community websites
- Having a stall in bus shelter (since can't set up in shop for social distancing reasons) – though this would be a very cold option!
- Article in Community Newsletter
- QR code that goes to questionnaire
- Links to our website from other community websites/facebook sites eg Kinnesswood in Bloom?

Ideas for community projects:

Oil club: **Elizabeth** will speak to Andrew Chrystal again to see how it might work. It was felt that this activity should incorporate a questionnaire on fuel use and include advise on alternative more environmental forms of heating, and provide a means whereby folk could share their experiences of using greener alternatives. (eg heat pumps)

Internet connection speed: –speeds vary throughout the village but are generally more than the minimum government target of 30 Mbytes so improvements such as fibre installation would have to be self funded by the community. Gordon will look into what options are available eg Community groups can partner with BT and get credit vouchers. The viability of doing this compared to getting 5G via mast also needs to be researched.