

Evanton Community Trust
Minutes of Board Meeting
16.11.23

Item	Discussion	Action	Tasked
1	Welcome and Apologies for Absence Present: Mandy Macleman (MM), Simon Hindson (SH), John McHardy (JM) representing the KCC, Deirdre James (DJ) (Tracey Bauer(TB), Michael MacLeod (MMcL), Leslie Logan (LL) Simon Hindson (SH) Apologies: Sue Kerr, Keith Bauer		
2	Approval of Minutes of 19th October 2023 Proposed: TB Seconded : MMcL		
3	Matters Arising: - Volunteer day. Invitations have been sent out to local groups. - KCC has paid money due for DJH.		
4	Project Updates DJH - Land Purchase – It was noted that the Board authorised MM by email, in July 2023 to instruct MacLeod and McCallum, Solicitors, on behalf of the company going forward. - As the purchase is not straightforward it is taking more time than is usual but MM reported that progress was being made. - MM has circulated a proposal from Community Link Scotland based in Clydebank to provide Consultancy support for the initial fundraising for the refurbishment work. The Board approved this proposal which is funded through the Highland Council Community Regeneration Fund . £5000 to be spent within 6 months. It was agreed to start immediately. MM to send letter of inception. - MM and GB met with James Turner, Head of Strengthening Communities at HIE. He was interested in the work of the ECT and he indicated willingness to consider a nomination for development funding for 3 years of a Project Manager Post for next state of the hall refurbishment The fund reopens in late summer 2024. - There is still funding available from the Highland Council CFR. The Board agreed to submit an application for funding for a Community Development Project Manager to assist before our application to HIE. It was agreed that MM would submit application. Deadline is 27/11/23 - Local architects Trevor Black and Ian Livesley have confirmed that they are both keen to work with us on the extension / refurbishment project . MM will arrange a meeting with them and the Initial Project team (MM, JMch and SH). Stage 2 funding for this initial stage is £4875	Application to CFR	MM

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	Hall Management Group - No meeting since last Board Meeting. Sharing Shed - Highland Council Planning Department has agreed to consider the canopy for the Shed as part of the original planning application. A local tradesman, Martin Henderson has agreed to donate his time to build the canopy. Materials will be bought from the Sharing Shed funds - Village Green. Very little gardening has been carried out due to various causes. The Board agreed to look into increasing the maintenance that the ECT pays for so as not to rely completely on volunteers. Higher Ground is a social enterprise that could potentially carry out this work	Find out what work Higher Ground is able to carry out.	DJ
5	Treasurer's Report - LL circulated online report to the Board. LL expressed concern that accounts will not be ready to send to accountants by end of December. - Electricity Account no payment has been made since February due to the meter still not working properly as it has not been commissioned. SSE Business Energy is our supplier. MM is trying to resolve the difficulty. - DETAS Seminar for Trusts- Main focus was on one particular package XERO. LL reported that XERO met most of our requirements and quite easy to use. LL considers it would be useful.	MM to work with LL	
6	AGM Date to be set at next meeting.		
7	AOB Generator – HIS seems the best deal at £9500 . It was agreed to go ahead. It will need to be caged for security .	HIS Generator to be ordered	SH
8	Date of Next Meeting Thursday 11.1.24 at 7.30		