

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COMPANY

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Graham Wild (Acting Chairman), Alun Owen, Christine MacKenzie,
John Mann (Interim Directors)

Subscribers

Present: Stuart McHugh, Pat Cooper, Gary Sutherland

Also Present: Elaine McHugh (Secretary)

Agenda Items

(1) Apologies

Apologies were received from Joan Mackay.

(2) Report by the Chairman on the activities of the Company

Graham opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He briefly ran through the background to the creation of the company for the benefit of those residents new to the area. He highlighted that whilst we were unable to secure the purchase of the Fishermen's Mission for the Community, now the Company is up and running we will be ready to act when another opportunity arises. One thought is the possible acquisition of the Kinlochbervie Estate, which was originally brought to the attention of Community Development Partnership, before it was dissolved, and something the Community Company could consider. Another project under consideration is the development of Loch Clash. This would be possible due to the Community Council securing land at Loch Clash donated by Reay Forest Estate and Don Fishing. It should be noted that certain caveats would apply.

Highland Council owns the remaining section of land, however, Highland Harbours are looking to install a new jetty for tankers to bring fuel into tanks on the Loch Inchard side. This is necessitated by the fact that the lifespan of the current tanker is coming to an end and the new one is too large to come into Loch Clash. The facilities at Loch Clash will no longer be necessary to Highland Council and they are happy for the Community to use the land. The idea has been put forward to develop the Loch Clash area as a tourist base. It is noted that the Community Company is not involved with this as yet, but would probably come on board at some point in the future.

(3) The Election of Directors

There are currently five directors, four of whom attended the meeting. Graham asked the meeting to consider the proposal for the interim Directors to remain in post for a further year, at which time an official election would take place. No objections were received and the proposal was approved by Stuart McHugh and seconded by Pat Cooper.

(4) Fixing of annual subscriptions

There are 22 subscribers who paid £1.00 each when company was created. Supporters who wish to become subscribers would also be required to pay £1.00. A question was raised as to whether an annual subscription charge was needed before the Company became active. It was felt that the Company should start looking at funding in order to be in a better position financially when a project surfaces. Graham advised the meeting that the Highland Council Local Ward Forum hold a discretionary budget and that he was happy to approach the Ward Manager, Andy Mackay, for an application form for financial support. Alun said that a bank account should be opened in the name of the Company and RBS was suggested along with two out of the five directors as signatories, which was agreed. A proposal to this effect was put to the floor and this was agreed by Gary Sutherland and seconded by Stuart McHugh.

Graham asked the meeting if it agreed to the subscription remaining at £1.00, there were no objections. Christine was asked if she would look into the opening of the account. **CM to action.**

(5) Report by the Auditor

The Company does not currently have an auditor (see Item (7) below). However, the accounts were sent to Companies House as a 'Dormant Company' and were accepted on 18 April 2010.

(6) Approval of the accounts of the Company

As the company is listed as dormant, having not yet traded, there were no accounts to be approved.

(7) Appointment of the Auditor

The question arose as to whether we are legally required to appoint an auditor even though we are not yet financially active. It was thought clarification should be sought on this point and the meeting agreed for enquiries to be made. If we do not require an auditor at this stage then an independent auditor will be appointed as and when the Company does become active. Jim Robertson of Tain was suggested,

(8) AOB

Graham said once things move forward at Loch Clash then the Company will have a part to play in this. It was hoped that the lack of attendance by subscribers at the meeting would improve once projects start to happen.

(9) Date of next meeting

The next Annual General Meeting of the Community Company will take place on Tuesday 17 May 2011, although a general meeting can be called at any time.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.