



Minutes of the Board meeting held on

29th September 2021

A virtual meeting held via Zoom

Present/apologies for absence:

- **Present:** Luke Emerton (Chair), Iain Frazer (Treasurer), Anne Hislop, David Howell, Chris Robinson (Company Secretary), Josh Thornhill, Kayt Howell (Manager), Gordon Cowtan (Consultant), Ian Rodger (Fintry Community Council (FCC) representative)
- **Apologies:** Iain MacKay

I. Welcome back Jo

- Luke welcomed Jo Skabara back as the Minutes Secretary.

II. Welcome Ian Rodger as FCC observer

- Luke welcomed Ian to the meeting and all present introduced themselves.

III. Approve previous minutes

- The previous minutes were approved and the actions listed were addressed in the meeting.

IV. Financial Report

- Iain F had circulated a report prior to the meeting. All accounts are looking good at the moment including Balgair. Income from the wind farm is expected in November. There have not been too many expenses at Balgair recently but a heat bill is expected soon.

V. Balgair Update

- The minutes relating to Balgair are held as reserved business due to personal & sensitive financial data being present.

VI. Carbon Cutter Police (CCP) and Primary School

- Kayt visited Fintry Primary School to discuss the idea of 26 Cops for Cop 26 with Alison Patterson (AP). The idea was received with enthusiasm. Tasks will be devised to encourage pupils and their families to reduce their carbon footprint and there will be a weekly tally to see how it's going. This will begin after the October holiday and parents will be contacted to obtain their permission with regard to publicity/press coverage. A hashtag will also be set up. The 26 cops will be the children in Primary 4 to Primary 7.
- The children are in the process of writing to Stirling Council with regard to the lack of recycling facilities available to the school. The FDT agreed to support this if needed. **ACTION: Kayt to circulate the notes made at the meeting with AP.**

VII. History Night

- Kayt has been collating a potted history of the FDT including projects, awards, visitors, videos etc. with a view to holding a History Night event in the New Year. Kayt proposed putting together a Power Point Presentation and asking David Smith (DS) to do a presentation. Gordon had mentioned this to DS recently and he had seemed quite keen. **ACTIONS: Kayt to follow up with DS and circulate the history so far to the Directors.**

VIII. Community Action Plan

- Anne and Kayt met with Michele Bennett (MB) from FCC. Kayt reported that it had been a good opportunity to share ideas and information. There is a lot of overlap with FCC's and FDT's future plans and a good relationship between the two organisations is key. This has lapsed in

the past but is being strengthened again now. The FCC is in the process of putting together a Community Action Plan and the FDT would like to be involved in this process.

- Kayt proposed a Fintry Community Assembly which could meet twice a year comprising of representatives from all Fintry based groups. MB said that the FCC had a similar idea and were holding a meeting on 20/10/21 to discuss the creation of some marketing materials to promote Fintry's attractions and businesses and encourage visitors.
- Anne agreed that it was a very productive first meeting and that, as a small community, it makes sense to work together and complement each other.
- There was also discussion about the possibility of holding a 'We are Fintry' event sometime next year where all groups are represented. This would serve to raise awareness of what goes on in the village and encourage new members to join groups.

IX. Consultant's Report

- See reserved business.
- The SMART Fintry project has now been completely finalised so all bank accounts etc. can be closed.

X. Manager's Report

- Kayt had circulated her report prior to the meeting.
- Dates for future meetings were discussed as well as the possibility of holding face to face rather than Zoom meetings.

XI. A.O.B.

- Ian R had attended the recent meeting regarding the proposed Shelloch Wind Farm. The proposed plans are available on Stirling Council's planning portal. The main issues are the access and the power lines. The proposed access is along the Arnprior to Fintry road. This would entail straightening out the road and going through fields to miss out bends. The top corner where the road joins the Kippen Road would also be cut out by going through the woodland there. This proposal has caused controversy. The power lines off the hill would be underground initially but would then be over ground on 13 metre high poles. Concern was also raised about the impact on breeding birds in the area. A large amount of traffic (approximately 4 lorries per hour) would be using the road for around 6 months. The whole project would take around 9 months. Shelloch had offered to hold an online meeting for anyone reluctant to attend a meeting in person and Ian R indicated that he would be happy to facilitate this. Other local community councils had differing opinions on the development. Chris felt that there had been gaps in the assessment of the proposed route and the impact it would have.
- Ian R accepted Kayt's offer to provide him with a list of acronyms commonly used in FDT meetings **ACTION: Kayt to send list of acronyms to Ian R.**

XII. Staffing Discussion

- The minutes relating to staffing are held as reserved business.