

Elphin, Ledmore and Knockan Community Association

Directors Meeting

Held Friday 12th November 2010 at 17.00 at Fir Chlis, 399 Elphin

- 1) Apologies: Kate McSweeney, John Venters, Roddy Houldsworth.
- 2) Present: Helen McQueen, Sian Curley, Stuart Charlton, Wendy Wright.
- 3) The minutes from the previous meeting were adopted.
- 4) CHARITABLE STATUS

Stuart explained that in order to meet the requirements for OSCR we need to make some minor changes to the Company Constitution as shown on the attached sheet.

We need to delete two of our aims.

- a) Use of the building as a polling station (although the building can still be used as a polling station, this is not defined as a charitable object)
- b) The promotion of agriculture, fishing, industry, tourism and commerce among the local community. Again this is not considered a charitable object.

We also need to add a definition of charity and charitable purpose.

If ELKCAL folds up OSCR decides on an appropriate charity to which company funds will be donated.

The advantages of obtaining charitable status were discussed. We would not have to pay a community charge which will save us a considerable sum and we would be able to claim gift aid on donations. We will also be able to apply for a wider range of funding.

Stuart proposed these changes are agreed to enable us to obtain charitable status. Wendy seconded the proposal. All present agreed. Kate and John have sent emails agreeing to the changes.

These changes have to be taken to an Extraordinary General Meeting to be agreed by the members. There is a quorum of 5% of those members eligible to vote for the meeting. 75% of members present have to agree to the changes. Members absent or abstaining are not included.

Stuart proposed an Extraordinary General Meeting is held at the school on 4th December at 6pm. Helen seconded this proposal and all present agreed. Wendy agreed to send an email giving notice of the meeting to all members. Stuart and Kay will do a leaflet drop to cover all those without email.

5) NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COUNCIL.

Stuart has had an email from Colin Anderson at the council which includes a map showing the drive as belonging to the school. Colin thinks the original agreement with the estate also included 1.5 acres for the use of the school. Wendy proposed Stuart is given authority to contact Colin Anderson and proceed with legal requirements in consultation with Simon Jeffries (Company Secretary), Tim Wright (Company Accountant) and Mr Bartlett (Scottish Solicitor). Helen seconded the proposal and all present agreed.

6) WINTER MARKET

Everyone agreed the Winter Market went very well and was enjoyed by all. We raised £450 from the raffle and donations for refreshments. We were very pleased with the turnout. Feedback from the stallholders has been encouraging.

7) AOB

We need to sort out policies such as Health and Safety, Hiring Policy and Child Protection soon.

Brian is investigating making the website more accessible by redirecting to our website address. We can purchase "elphin hall" for two years for £9.99. We all thought this would be worth the price. Other related addresses are too expensive to justify the cost.

Meeting concluded 18.30.

W Wright.