

ELPHIN, LEDMORE & KNOCKAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LTD

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Minutes of Directors Meeting held Friday 28th September 2011 Fir Chlis 17.00

PRESENT- Stuart Charlton, John Venters, Sian Curley.

APOLOGIES – Helen McQueen, Roddy Houldsworth, Wendy Wright and Kate Mc Sweeney

DIRECTORS/TREASURERS REPORT

The accounts for the past year were gone through in some detail and approved by those present, with written confirmation from Wendy and Helen. There was unanimous agreement that the accounts were a true reflection of the activities/events that had taken place through the year and there was nothing of concern.

Gift Aid application is now in process.

Changes in financial arrangements in 2012 to be taken account of at next year's AGM.

All other AGM arrangements in place with Simon as chair.

WINTER MARKET

Arrangements all going ahead. John to check about parking arrangements with Tess and Andy. Raffle using items from stalls. A one-off arrangement to do soup/sandwiches as done at last year's Car Boot Sale in place.

To check with Susan B. re Gaelic Choir contribution.

Meeting finished 17.45pm.

Stuart Charlton.

Attached – Community Questionnaire Results for presentation at AGM

Community Questionnaire

As part of the Association's commitment to ensure it takes account of the views of the community, as well as those of its members, a Questionnaire was sent out either by e-mail or hard copy to all residents of the Elphin, Ledmore, Knockan, Lyne and Benmore communities at the beginning of September.

There were three questions to answer with comments if required:

Question 1

ELKCAL has run fund raising activities such as Chicken Day, the Dog Show and the Music Festival. We have provided opportunities for the community to sell a range of products at the Winter and Summer Markets, as well as social activities for all ages at Friday for All and the Community Hall is available for hire free of charge to ELKCAL members for social events.

Do you support a continuation of these events during the next year (October 2011 to September 2012)? **YES/NO**

Question 2

Have these activities been beneficial to the community? **YES/NO**

Question 3

Please indicate any other issues/activities you wish the Directors to consider for 2011/2012

Results

Seventy questionnaires were sent out and eleven were returned.

There was a 100% YES response to each of the first two questions.

Two responses questioned the operation of the summer markets.

Director's Response - *The new committee will review the present Market Rules and the operation of the Winter and Summer markets for next year in the light of the amazing success of these ventures.*

One response suggested that more events needed to focus on the older members of the community.

Response – *The formation of the Craft Circle is a first response to this suggestion.*

A number of responses suggested that a Community Notice Board be established.

Response – *The committee considered this and was discouraged by the cost and legal implications when the issue was discussed with Highland Council. The issue will be reconsidered by the new committee.*

Two responses indicated a need for more support to provide transport for older members of the community to and from events.

Response – *The committee will consider issues around support at all levels for forthcoming events during the next year.*

Stuart Charlton

29 October 2011

Chair of directors