

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING TO ESTABLISH THE ELPHIN,
LEDMORE AND KNOCKAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
LIMITED.

DATE 29TH MAY 2010 at 17.30.

Venue – Old Assynt Primary School, Elphin.

PRESENT – Sian Curley, Florence Curley, Kate McSweeney, Heidi McSweeney, Helen McQueen, Wendy Wright, Stuart Charlton, Kay Charlton, Ingo Syllwasschy, Susan Bewley, George Farlow, Tim Wright, Russell Pursey, Bridie Pursey.

APOLOGIES - Mike Calder, Hazel Pepper, Rosie Christmas, Will Curwen, Jan Kilpatrick, Brian Davidson, Simon Jeffreys.

Stuart began by thanking everyone for coming. There is a lot of enthusiasm and support in the village for the project which is great to see. Stuart thanked the previous steering group for all their hard work in bringing the project to this stage.

Simon has also been fantastic working away voluntarily since the beginning to advise and write the constitution and ensure we meet all legal requirements.

Wendy thanked everyone for coming and being prepared to support the school and get involved.

Wendy explained that as stated in the letter put through resident's doors, we want to set up a community owned limited company to lease the school from the council and run it as a community centre. The proposed name of the company is the Elphin, Ledmore and Knockan Community Association Limited.

Wendy then read out the aims of the company, as would go on the registration document. These are as follows:

To acquire the old Assynt Primary School building and its associated land in Elphin and to convert and operate it as a community centre for the use of the full and part-time residents of the townships of Elphin, Knockan, Ledmore, Lyne and Benmore and their neighbourhood in the Highland Council area of Scotland without distinction of age, race, or sex, or political, religious or other opinions, including:

- i) use for the social welfare of the local community and meetings, lectures, exhibitions, classes and other forms of recreation and leisure time, occupation and arts and literature;
- ii) encourage training and the advancement of education;

- iii) the promotion of agriculture, fishing, industry, tourism and commerce among the local community;
- iv) encourage the study, understanding and exposition of the Assynt region's history, culture, natural history, geology and geography;
- v) use as a polling station;
- vi) any other purposes that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes.

Wendy explained we will have 2 types of membership.

Full membership is limited to residents of Elphin, Knockan, Ledmore, Lyne and Benmore. This limitation to a geographical area is a necessary to allow us to apply for funding. Full members will be able to vote at annual general meetings or if we need to ballot people for any reason.

The second type of membership is associate membership. This is for anyone who is interested in the school but live outwith the geographical area. Associate members will not be able to vote on company matters.

We have also inserted a clause which will allow associate members to become full members at the discretion of the board of directors, if the directors feel this will benefit the company. Stuart then went on to explain directors must be full members of the company.

Bridie proposed the draft constitution and name proposed for the company be approved and that application for the incorporation of the company be made to the Registrar of Companies as soon as possible. This was seconded by Tim and agreed unanimously by a show of hands.

Stuart read out the names of those willing to stand as directors. These were Sian Curley, Helen McQueen, Kate McSweeney, Stuart Charlton, John Venters, Rod Houldsworth and Wendy Wright. John and Rod were unable to be present but had previously indicated their willingness to stand by e-mail. Tim proposed that all the people willing to be elected as the first directors of the company be elected as such. This proposal was seconded by Ingo and agreed unanimously by a show of hands from all present.

Stuart then concluded the meeting, thanking everyone for attending. Special thanks went to Jenny from the tea rooms for the delicious cake she generously provided.

The meeting concluded at 18.15.
Wendy Wright 30/05/2010.