

Pennyghael Development Association
Directors Meeting
The Old Church
Thursday 21 October 2010
7.00 pm

Present: Roger Blackwell, Sarah Blackwell, Fiona Brown, Eileen Goll, Sue Morgan, Charles Pease

Apologies: were received from Joy Roberts but not Paul Chauvet

Minutes of last meeting, 9 September 2010: were proposed by Roger, seconded by Sue

Matters arising: Events: The screening of 'Blooded' raised £390
Dutch coffee morning raised £180;

Comment: ACTION: Sarah to write in thanks to both.

"Growth at the Edge" Local Development Officer: will be holding public consultations Iona Hall Tuesday 9th November, Creich Hall Thursday 11th November; Pennyghael Hall Thursday 18th November and Bunesan Hall Tuesday 16th November

Comment: ACTION: Sarah to invite Morven to the next directors' meeting

Repair/replacement of the 'Pennyghael Community Hall' sign: Gren has said that he and Bob will see to it.

Invoice received from Epsilon NV for £900.00 for water supply pipe:

There was another heated discussion about this - Everyone was of the opinion that a share of the cost of the replacement water pipe should be paid. It was the way the invoice was presented to the PCA, with no discussion, that was wrong. We are very grateful to the van Pienbroeks for their £500 contribution towards the community's share.

Comment: ACTION: Sarah to write in thanks for this and the Dutch coffee morning

Peter Wathey rental of signboard: Joy Hardy assures us that Peter has paid what is due for this.

Community Links Scotland draft Business Plan: All present found it worrying that we have been awarded £19,000 to spend on yet another round of feasibility/options studies/architects/quantity surveyor reports – when £19,00 could pay for rewiring etc etc. Sue felt that she didn't want any expansion of the activities currently carried out at the hall – in particular she has concerns about how leasing space for a tea-room would impact on the community's ability to use the premises; Eileen commented that there used to be a 'club'-like atmosphere which is now lacking. It was agreed, however, to continue on the path CLS have set us on – in the belief that it will all probably come to nothing again in the current economic climate.

Employability Team: Fiona reported that they have told her confidentially (John Carson is speaking to Christine Mehennet of CLS next week so we are under an embargo not to

Comment: ACTION: Sarah is to correct factual errors in the document and produce a non-committal reply to CLS – and copy it to everyone.

speak elsewhere of this before then) that there is more money available than first thought, and that in addition to the painting, roof insulation and floor sanding in the schoolroom, we may well get the dining room, kitchen and toilets repainted, and possibly the gents urinal fixed, the outside kitchen door repaired and even – perhaps- rewiring done. The work should start next week. They have been told of various dates on which we need to use 1 or both rooms and will clear up accordingly..

Future Events The chili night on Sat 6 Nov – the Bar Licence has been received. November coffee morning (Wagstaffs) is on the second Sat 13 November and will include the RNLI Christmas stall – It is in R&A, RNLI will do their own posters. Xmas Fayre Sat 27 November – Joy Roberts is organising this; it is in R&A.

Comment: Sarah to check that the Hall is booked for this

It was decided not to advertise the Xmas lunch yet in case the Employability team are still in action in mid December – decision to be made later.

A.O.B. Amalgamation of PDA and PCA: Sarah confessed she cannot see clearly how best to achieve this – it is realistically going to mean ‘winding-up’ the PCA, needing a vote at either a Special General meeting or at the AGM – it needs a simple majority of members *present* at such a meeting to do this. Sarah will seek guidance from the OSCR about amalgamating the 2 charities.

Date and time of next meeting. Thursday 2 December 7 pm

Meeting finished 21.05.