

Pennyghael Development Association

Directors Meeting
The Old Church
Thursday 9 December 2010
7.30 pm

Present: Fiona Brown, Roger Blackwell, Sarah Blackwell, Paul Chauvet, Eileen Goll, Sue Morgan, Charles Pease, Joy Roberts

Apologies:

Minutes of last meeting, 21 October 2010: were proposed as an accurate record by Charles, seconded by Sue.

Matters arising: Events: The Chilli night raised £470, the RNLI coffee morning and the Christmas craft fair organized by Joy were both well attended.

“Growth at the Edge” Local Development Officer: The public consultation event at Pennyghael was not very well attended. The LDO is in the process of synthesizing the suggestions from all the meetings; there will be a postal questionnaire in mid-January and further rounds of public meetings.

Repair/replacement of the ‘Pennyghael Community Hall’ sign: Many thanks to Gren and Bob for putting the sign back up.

Community Links Scotland draft Business Plan: CLS have sent the finalized draft plan, and briefs for the employment of a architect-led design team and a consultant to undertake an expanded business plan. Fiona said that Morham&Brotchie should be asked to tender, Paul suggested Henry Dempsey, Perth, Charles suggested John Rodgers; Sarah feels that Martin Caldwell could also be useful. Roger will put the 3 documents on the website; Sarah will talk to CLS about the tendering process.

Employability Team: The schoolroom is finished except for the floor; the dining room is in undercoat, the toilets and hall are finished. The team will be here 2 days next week, then back for 1 week starting 10 January. They are apparently pleased to have been mentioned appreciatively on the website – it was suggested that we thank them in R&A when they’ve finished.

Future Events: A curry night on Sat 12 February.

Amalgamation of PDA and PCA: OSCR agree that the best course of action would be to wind up the PCA then change the name of the PDA. This will need 2 resolution(s) at the AGM. There is a fee of £10 for changing a company’s name. We need to think what the PDA should change its name to – bring suggestions to the next meeting!

A.O.B.

- 1) Sue asked how much oil we had – Joy reported that the tank was filled in the last week or so.
- 2) The cold water storage tank above the kitchen sprung a leak during/after the cold weather – Tom Masland was called, the old tank is due to be removed by Gren and Bob tomorrow, and 2 new coffin-shaped tanks (to reduce the load on the beams) are to replace it. It is unclear whether the buildings insurance will cover the work –
- 3) Fiona reported that Community Energy Scotland will come in the New Year and do a survey in order to suggest heating strategies. They want copies of electric/oil bills and to know about the usage patterns.

Date and time of next meeting: Thurs 17 February 2011

The meeting closed at 20.25.