

Pennyghael Development Association Ltd.

Directors Meeting
The Old Church
Thursday 15 July 2010
3.00pm

Present: Fiona Brown, Sarah Blackwell, Roger Blackwell, Paul Chauvet, Eileen Goll

Apologies: Joy Hardy, Sue Morgan, Joy Roberts

Minutes of last meeting, 4 June 2010: were proposed by Roger, seconded by Eileen.

Matters arising: Events: The BBQ originally scheduled for 4 July and cancelled due to water shortage, has been rescheduled for 25 July. Roger has negotiated with A&B to reissue the bar license for that day. The Roche's Garden Party has been rescheduled provisionally for Sun 22 August – Sarah to recheck date with them before drafting R&A ad on Monday. Nothing has been heard from the organizers of the screening of 'Blooded' – last date proposed was Sat 21 August.

Community Links Scotland Questionnaire: 150+ were sent out/distributed; 32 replies were received by post, 19 through the internet. Analysis is ongoing.

Rewiring: OES have visited but not supplied an estimate yet despite prompting. Glen Cato's estimate is similar to Mark Staley's and it must be noted that neither is fully qualified to do everything required.

"Growth at the Edge" Local Development Officer: Sarah went to the meeting about this called by James Hilder earlier this week. It is an HIE initiative, which will be administered by MICT. They will be advertising shortly for this post, whose function will be to develop and implement a community growth plan for the Ross of Mull & Iona – first action will be a Resident's Survey (!). There will be an open meeting to inform the community about it on Wed 11 Aug at Creich, at which volunteers to form a 'Steering Group' will be sought. We think that all the local organizations – such as PDA – should be involved in this; it is unclear how priorities will be set for which projects are taken forward. Sarah to query JH about the Steering Group composition and function.

A.O.B. Sarah passed a communication received from RA Clements about Tax Investigation Insurance to Paul – we think the insurance is unnecessary.

Sarah has also received a Rates Reassessment from A&B – the Hall's rateable value has increased from £3450 to £5300; but we (still) get 100% relief.

Eileen raised concerns about car parking at the Hall – apparently the currently available space is sometimes insufficient to accommodate tourists and residents even when there is not an event happening at the Hall. Paul confirmed that Pennyghael Estate owns the land between the road and the foreshore; and told us that their lawyers have now come to an arrangement with A&B such that the new bridge can now go forward. If and when it does, parking will then be on the current road and this may provide an increase in area for parking.

Date and time of next meeting. Thursday 16 September at 7.30.