

Pennyghael Development Association
Directors Meeting
The Old Church
Tuesday 15 March 2011
7.30 pm

Present: Fiona Brown, Sarah and Roger Blackwell, Eileen Goll, Joy Roberts

Apologies: Paul Chauvet, Sue Morgan, Charles Pease

Minutes of last meeting, 17 February 2011: were proposed by Roger, seconded by Joy

Matters arising: **Employability Team:** Fiona has spoken with the employability team leader. The chaps should be over next week to finish off the painting work. Sarah is to write and thank them formally at the end of March.

Amalgamation of PDA and PCA: Sarah confessed that the 2 resolutions on the AGM agenda should have both been worded ‘that we seek permission for the OSCR’ Since we need their permission to change the PDA name as well as wind up the PCA. It was felt that there is no point trying to rectify this before the meeting – it could be said that getting the OSCR’s permission is part of the process of changing the name, which cannot happen overnight just because we take a vote on it.

Hall Renovation Project: Fiona, Sarah and Roger attended all 6 interviews, Sue attended 5. They were unanimous in choosing CommunityLinksScotland to continue the regeneration consultant/business planning task; and in choosing Benjamin Tindall architects of Edinburgh to do the feasibility study drawings and costings. It was felt that CommLinks have a proven track record of obtaining funding – they got it for us, after all – and Benjamin Tindall Architects showed a level of interest and enthusiasm for the project which was not matched or even approached by the other shortlisted firms. The meeting unanimously approved their choice. Sarah will contact winners and losers tomorrow.

A.O.B. 1) A BACS repayment of £491.34 giftaid has been made to our account on 25 Feb 2011.

2) Eileen reported that the PCA annual accounts were with her for checking.

3) Paul via Fiona reports that the deposit account options available to us at the bank presently give so little interest as to hardly worth the effort, particularly as they are term accounts ie one loses the interest if the money is not left in the account for 3, 6 or 12 months. It was felt that it is not worth pursuing at the moment.

4) Charles has previously paid personally for the domain name and redirector used by the website. While we are very grateful to him for this, these charges (amounting to about £60 pa currently) should be met by the PDA. All present were in agreement, and Roger will organize this.

5) Re Jane Chauvet’s proposal to run a café at the Hall, Fiona reported that Carol Wathey is no longer interested in doing anything similar for us; Fiona and Jane met the Environmental Services representative recently, who saw no problem with facilities or the

plan except that bottled water must be used for soft drinks until a water filter/sterilizer has been installed. Jane's certificate (s) was also approved – anyone who helps her will also need training/certification/approval, and kitchen doors and windows will need flynetting. Fiona will arranged to meet Jane to discuss the proposal -all directors are welcome to be there if possible.

Date and time of next meeting: immediately after the AGM on 29 March 2011.

The meeting closed at 20.20