

## **North Carrick Community Benefit Company**

**HQ, Tuesday 9th May at 7pm**

**Sederunt:** Mark Fletcher, Stuart Lindsay, Claire Bryan, Gail Wardrop, Helen Jess, Amy Whyte, Chris Savage, Leslie McFadzean, Mhairi Eaglesham, Senga Mason, Henry Anderson, Paul Rankin, Patrick Lorimer, Kirstie Hepburn, Jackie Bryan.

**Apologies:** Greg Paterson, Max Agnew

**Chair welcomed Helen and Gail, new directors for Minishant**

**Declarations of Interest** – Patrick Lorimer for KVR Application.

**Approval of last minutes** - Proposed by – Chris Savage, Seconded by – Senga Mason

**Matters arising that won't be covered:** None brought up.

**Stuart's Report**

- **No questions.**

### **Heritage Enterprise Village**

Mark gave an update on the project and the process if we wish to continue which includes employing someone to oversee the project. An advert was placed and the applicants have been whittled down and interviewed. There is one candidate who has had a second interview but there are reservations if the job suits their ambitions and with relocating we weren't sure of the longevity of the candidate.

PR asked if there was a report that came from that engagement session, and that the consultant had said something would be circulated. PR also added that he doesn't feel that the project has been targeted correctly. PR also asked what the purpose of the meeting was that was held at HQ.

MF explained that the focus was originally on property which NCCBC has decided not to pursue at the moment, and that now it looks like it would be more of a network of people/makers.

CS suggested that the candidate in question possibly wasn't committed to the project long term. LF asked about the other candidates and their skillsets, none suitable as wrong skillsets and all were weak in community engagement.

CB and CS agreed that the final candidate was clearly passionate about property development rather than the network of people that it seems to be evolving into.

SL talked about the 'hub and spoke' idea with the likes of The Buck in Straiton and the Reading Room in Kirkoswald. SL highlighted that the role is of no cost to NCCBC as it is

funded, and that £6000 of this HEV funding is allocated to Bruce 750 as part of the youth engagement part of it.

PR asked about the job description. It was agreed that this has changed since it was published. CB highlighted that the new staff member would need a new computer and to be put onto the IT system; and would require a lot of personal support as well as support with the evolving job description. This would require a line manager and who that would be would need to be decided. CB reminded that the candidate being discussed has not accepted the job, so it would be more pertinent to consider the concept rather than this individual candidate.

Decision made to decline candidates and revert back to funder for guidance as to whether changing descriptors would be acceptable . PI and PR agreed to work with Stuart if we move forward after talking to funder.

### **Bruce 750 Update**

SL stated that he believes the logistics and marketing of the project are in hand. He asked that directors record any marketing that they see as his 'secret shoppers'.

MF raised that no external funding has come through for this event, except the £6,000 from HEV bit that is contingent on us continuing that project. £12,000 investment of ARIA funding towards fundraising support from Community Enterprise has resulted in zero. Therefore, NCCBC would no longer be bankrolling the project but would now be fully funding it. The single day event would include re-enactment battles, crafts and stalls, minstrels, community tent with craft stalls, axe throwing, archery, toilets, highland dancers, security. The location would be the Glebe at Maybole.

Consideration was given to the consequences of cancelling the event at this stage – and the reputational damage that it would cause. It was agreed that it is too late to cancel now and that the event must go ahead and be successful. HA said that it has to be built on year on year. MF and CS advised that this would not be possible, as NCCBC cannot continue to commit large sums to an event every year. CS highlighted the importance of engaging the caravan parks and visitors to the area. It was explained that there will be road side banners near as many as possible including Craig Tara.

MF highlighted that the £12k was spent of ARIA's money, and that investment hasn't had any return. Other support from CEL was mentioned by way of in kind support. This though disappointing highlights the reason why so many events across Scotland and the UK are being cancelled .

### **Arts and Augmented Reality Trail Update**

CB showed the design ideas and the locations on the screen. Minishant raised concerns around the location chosen for their sculpture and the access to it with cars. CS highlighted

that several of the sites identified are owned by the Cassilis Estate. SL and CB to flag to project managers and artist team.

Ongoing insurance and maintenance - MF highlighted that the trail needs to be covered and that it would be unfair for NCCBC to require communities to be left to maintain the sculptures. NCCBC should cover insurance costs and web page maintenance etc and the communities could simply keep the areas clean and tidy. Approved costs to be concluded

### **Community Asset Transfer of HQ**

MF asked about the community engagement required within the community asset transfer process mentioned in Stuart's report.

MF asked about the maintenance of the balcony rails as they could not be left any longer . A fee of £5-6,000 was agreed.

MF pointed out the ebikes that are now in HQ. MF said that we would like a container to house the bikes to reduce the amount of space used inside the building.

CS asked what the extent of the CAT is, e.g. land/buildings. SL advised that the e-Bikes are still supposed to be out in the villages as much as possible. The issue of buildings insurance for the bikes and the big batteries was mentioned. SL to follow up.

### **Update on The Gatherings and the flat above**

MF explained how exasperated the shop working group are with the architect and builder. MF, SL, PL and CS have been following up on everything and will continue to fight to get the building completed and back into use as soon as possible. New builders have been appointed to do the work on the flat and they may have to be instructed to complete the shop once due practise had run its course.

Claire is working hard to get water metering issues resolved, but has been messed around by Scottish Water twice now when arranging callouts.

### **Update on The Mews**

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**Discussions are continuing with Ayrshire Housing on proposals to redevelop 3 shops on the High Street with flats above and additional housing behind. This is an ambitious project with potential for 18 flats which will be externally managed, and NCCBC will have 6 retail units.**

### **Update on Community Projects Funding**

Payments have been made to Dunure, Kirkmichael, Straiton and as of this evening KMT. Maybole has a plan for their CPF. Minishant and Crosshill are both almost ready.

### **Defibrillators**

A new defib has been fitted in Kirkmichael, and one on the end of HQ. This has already been deployed twice. Mark and Claire have been adding all of the defibs onto one central system. Claire read out all the ones that have been moved over.

MF asked directors to find out the door code, serial number and expiry day of the pads and send to [admin@nccbc.org.uk](mailto:admin@nccbc.org.uk)

### **Place Planning**

MF explained about the process that has been happening with Audrey Gatt in Maybole. It is important that 25% of the community responds to the survey. Recognising that is a high return we should strive for the best.

MF explained that NCCBC could potentially contribute to extra resource i.e. surveyors to get more responses/additional publicity or pick up after the process on further engagement, printing or creating separate documents to stand along side the councils place to be . We need to see what if anything is required but unlikely much from NCCBC

CB and SL explained the importance of the place plans and action plans in terms of getting support and adopted into SAC Local Development plans.

HJ asked how a community gets set up to start the process. SL and CB will contact the groups. CS asked if all villages will be separate or if there would be joint place plans. This is at the discretion of the individual communities.

Everyone agreed that the board should agree extra resource where and if needed and it may be different in each community.

### **Priorities**

Driving Lessons - £20k allowance. CB and JB to pursue. It was discussed about requests for support from children who live outside of North Carrick but study in Maybole. It also was added that we must include the young people who live in North Carrick and study in either Queen Margaret Academy and Girvan Academy.

SM highlighted that we cannot fund children that live in Dailly or Dalrymple. AW asked why that was, and explained how she felt this was unfair. MF explained that NCCBC has strict catchment areas and we cannot deviate, unfortunately beneficiaries have to live in North Carrick.

CB highlighted that all feedback that has come back during research suggested that we need to get young people all the way through the process rather than just up to the 10 lessons max, as often young people get so far and then don't get to finish the process.

Grassroots Sports – meeting was held with SAC. Parking this for now as the council have not responded.

Carrick Cluster Transition – It was agreed to allocate up to £4k to the transition trip.

## **Staff**

Claire's role as a subcontractor - MF highlighting that the accountant has pointed out we need to put Claire onto PAYE.

PR said that MF is doing far too much. A discussion was had over the input of Mark and other Directors and overall management structure. KH highlighted that she is happy to come on board to support with new projects but feels she doesn't have the institutional knowledge to run existing projects. HJ stated she is unable to take on additional responsibilities at this time. KH brought up the question of another administration person and if this would help or hinder, it was agreed that this would not help at this time.

CB stated that she would consider a new contract and offer of PAYE employment once it has been drafted.

## **Request from Carrick Academy**

MF introduced the letter from Elaine McEwan explaining the issues with the mental health support in Carrick Academy. MF explained that there is some funding coming from W Grant and Son's which is funding the second person who is a Mental Health Practitioner. SM asked about the numbers involved. It was suggested that we can't commit funding endlessly for this project. HA highlighted that there will be less than half of the school support staff at the school now than there was when he was there. KH said that we need more detail on the ask.

SL advised that the most recent Place2Be report will be circulated around the directors ASAP.

MF pointed out that we can't put a price on good health but there is a line as to whether health and wellbeing falls into council or health service provision and our contract with SPR and agreeing not to fund services that should be supplied by others. MF also suggested that the HSCP has funding every year and one of their criteria is mental health. They have been very difficult to engage with and funds they have are paid out to multiple groups that possibly could fund raise other ways.

SM suggested a special meeting to make a decision over the summer could be held if we have more detail. CB will ask for a concise application and then arrange a special meeting for the board to make the decision.

## The Carrick Centre

- MF explained that we have been approached several times by The Carrick Centre and he has since met with Jamie Tait of Thriving Communities and William Grant Foundation. W Grant and Sons have already pledged funding to the Carrick Centre. SAC are not providing any funding but will contribute youth worker time. At the meeting Jamie Tait questioned the perceived friction between NCCBC and the centre and MF said there is no feeling coming from NCCBC . PL had expressed a need for a meeting to perhaps discuss but the board felt that would be accepting there was an issue where there isn't.
- MF asked about the business plan that was produced when the building was taken over. Jamie advised that the business plan has not been used and they don't feel it's robust.
- An email has been received from the chair of the board of the Carrick Centre requesting to present at the next NCCBC board meeting. This request was also sent to other NCCBC directors. It raised concerns over directors being lobbied or influenced before meetings. SPR have agreed that they support the system that we use with applicants and having information on application forms. MF emphasised that he explained that his presence at the funders meeting was not an indication of support or denial. KH asked what the funding request was likely to be, and MF said that we don't know what it is they want to do.
- It was unanimously agreed that NCBCC will decline The Carrick Centre's request to attend the next board meeting, To meet with directors or discuss the perceived friction that PL had concerns over. MF will respond to the Carrick Centre's request.

## Funding Applications:

### Kirkmichael Stage and Screen – Application for large TV screen.

- The application was discussed and it was suggested
- MF explained the questions that were asked.
- Chris Savage – proposed. Secunder – Paul Rankin.
- Conditions are that the TV is mounted properly and there is a minimum 24 month warranty.
- KH suggested that they show the NCCBC logo before every film show.

**Approved.**

### Mochrum Angling Club – Application for Accessible Boat.

- The application was discussed and it was suggested that this project will be funded with a few special conditions. Proposed – Leslie McFadzean, Secunder – Gail

Wardrop. They must increase their online presence and children's day – more publicity, and a plaque must go onto the new boat.

- The membership is currently full. CS highlighted that they can also sell day tickets.

**Approved.**

**Expenses** – There were no expenses claimed.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and Vice Chair thanked the Chair for all his work on the projects discussed.

**Next board meeting – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August**