

Transition Black Isle Meeting - 11^h January 2010

Date: Monday 7th December 2009 at Fortrose Leisure Centre, Fortrose 7.30pm
Present: Agric, Christine Brosnan, Myra Carus, Hugh Collins, Steven Doughty, Maggie Dove, Penny Edwards, Vanessa Halhead, Thomas Keyes, Frank Kremer, Karin Kremer, Grant Macfarlane, Ken Naismith, Wendy Price - facilitator, Martin Sherring, Anne Thomas, Sue Varley, Christopher Voisey.
Alan Gartshore of Ross-shire Voluntary Action was present for the first half of the meeting.

- 1) Apologies for absence were received from Catriona Ross.
- 2) The minutes of the previous meeting, and matters arising not covered on the agenda. Ken proposed and Penny seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. There were no matters arising.
- 3) Company Limited by Guarantee
TBI is considering its future legal status and procedural operation. Alan Gartshore gave a very detailed talk on the differences for the group in being an unincorporated body, a company limited by guarantee and obtaining charitable status. He briefly covered Social Enterprises and recommended that TBI also looked into Community Interest Companies. Alan also answered all questions from the group. On behalf of the group, Wendy thanked Alan for attending and for being so comprehensive in his advice and information.
- 4) Discussion and Decision
TBI is considering changing its status from unincorporated body for reasons of responsibility and liability. There are no funding issues at present as funds we are applying for are equally available to both unincorporated and incorporated groups. TBI needs to consider the effects of any change in status on its ethos. Steven recommended another meeting to consider the future structure of the group in detail. This is to be on Sunday 24th January, from 10am to 4pm, to be held at Glachbeg if Glachbeg is available – Wendy is to confirm this. People are welcome to attend for part of the day if they cannot manage the whole session. Steven is to send an e-mail of points to be considered before the meeting.
There is a pressing need to state how the funding for the planned projects is to be managed, Penny read out her suggested wording for the CCF bid and the meeting agreed that this wording should be used.
ACTION: Wendy to confirm Glachbeg is available; Steven to e-mail the group with points to consider.
- 5) CCF Bid.
Penny summarised the projects and amounts of money involved. The total sum is in the region of £83,000. The Arts and Crafts project will apply for LEADER funding rather than to CCF. The project leaders are all confident that their projects can be carried out if the funds are made available. The meeting agreed that Penny should complete the work and make the application.
- 6) Finance Report. Shelved due to lack of time.

7) Future Events

7)1) Wendy reported that the Energy Crunch arrangements are under control.

7)2) The meeting felt that there should be a ceilidh and it should be open to the public. Three bands are under consideration to play, Maggie is to find out more about Wall to Wall, who are a Black Isle band.

ACTION Maggie.

8) There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.00 pm.