

Minutes of TBI admin meeting at North Kessock on Friday 16th December 2011

Present: Penny, Martin, Julian, Vanessa, John and Anne

Absent: Agric, Wendy, Maggie, Tommy

Matter	Action	
Not actioned on: Agric advising on membership	Follow up and email member involved	
Google document copying problem		
Minutes of last meeting	approved	
Membership report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need to bridge gap from 37 members rejoined to 111 previously joined to other version of TBI. 2. Martin has decided to go through and highlight any problems with associate members and whether they can become full members. 3. Posting letters to former members of whom we do not have the email addresses. Ask Mary to send letters. 4. Look at welcome email and adapt it so that it asks new members what their specific interests are. 5. All new members on spreadsheet circulated were accepted. 6. Reprint of membership form with glitches removed vetoed. 	<p>Martin to highlight</p> <p>Penny to ask Mary about this Vanessa to give forms to Mary</p>
Finance report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Possibility of more spending. North Kessock Banner and Cromarty road signs need replacing. We still have £370 budget for promotional materials. Suggestion from Anne that Avoch market may also require banners and road sign if they want to do more markets. Wendy is asked to look into the durability of the banner. 2. Decision taken that spending money on a new stand-alone newsletter not warranted due to lack of funds as this would cost about £2000. It seemed more cost effective to pay for editorial time to enable adding to Chatterbox as they have extended to Black isle wide and would reach wider audience. A regular 2 page 	<p>Anne to contact Avoch CC</p> <p>Wendy</p> <p>Penny will refer back to commons group</p>

	<p>spread in each edition was suggested.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Some money needed to promote film in February. 4. Decided to continue with 2 further village meetings and directors training with funding from HIE as Julian points out it will be bad form to not complete what we applied for. 5. We could ask HIE if we can spend remaining money on training for wider membership e.g. re Green Deal. 6. Wish to record thanks for good report produced by treasurer that looks professional 	<p>Martin to contact HIE Vanessa will research Changeworks options if HIE agrees that this is ok</p>
<p>Report from Sub groups</p>	<p>Communications group</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facebook –needs more use. Has potential to catch younger audience 2. Website- folders need to be set up for new meetings in 2012 and to organise them in a better way. New search box possible. Enquiry needed to find out who gets emailed when people sign up for a newsletter etc. Need to put food directory on an appropriate place on it. Put in an advert for Grow North manual with person to contact for one. 3. Transition Gairloch and Loch Ewe. Venessa has emailed them and they have suggested a talk for Tuesday 24th of January for us to send a speaker to where the travel costs and accommodation would be covered. General trepidation due to hour and a half journey and inconvenient midweek time. Decided to suggest another day <p>Food group</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Potato day 2. Loch na Moid going steadily but could do better. Netherton needs more use to keep going. Course would use garden. Garden needs more management as finding no one there is off putting for attendants. Volunteering Highland may be source of participants. Romay suggests course which would be paid for and would go through an existing adult learning provider. 	<p>Get our kids to put something on it.</p> <p>John to execute action. John to also research search box. John</p> <p>John to investigate</p> <p>Venessa will email them</p> <p>Hall booked for 24th Feb 1-4 after the North Kessock Market. Anne to contact Agric to see if he will be returning and get organising team together.</p> <p>Anne to contact Romay</p>

	<p>3. Possibility for having groups for mental health groups and homeless people and other courses. Could get a WWOOFer or include some organisation and upkeep of garden in charge for courses. Fortrose garden has fallen into disuse.</p> <p>4. Possibility of Grow North revitalisation. Email Grow North mailing list to arrange a meeting if enough people keen to pursue this.</p> <p>Energy</p> <p>1. Jess is revising Renewable Heat incentive information.</p> <p>2. Wind farm – Sandy and Irene McDonald have defunct turbine, possibility of loaning TBI anemometer.</p> <p>3. Lack of knowledge about green deal.</p> <p>4. Possibility of adding transport group to energy group.</p>	<p>Venessa and Anne will review this in the new year</p> <p>Anne will talk to Mathew their son when he is home for the holidays and arrange this if they are willing. Possible training from Changeworks- see earlier item Agreed.</p>
Transport project	Wait to see if funding approved	
Village meetings – Martin - Progress with local meeting	<p>N Kessock meeting Discussed if we needed an event about transport to find volunteers for new group. Agreed to wait to see if we got the funding from CCF as this would include events. Village meetings working groups to convene after Christmas holidays Fortrose meeting dates, aiming for event in February Muir of Ord meeting dates (March event)</p>	Vanessa Martin
TBI management	<p>Julian agrees to keep a list that he would circulate. When people give items they will email him. Director’s names and details to be kept in email form.</p>	Julian
Members meetings	<p>Panel: Sheila Wickens, Duncan Ross, Trish Mackeggie, Donnie Mcleod. Venue: Munloch Date : late January</p>	Vanessa to organise if Maggie not able to.
C and VC	<p>Chair and vice chair - Julian is happy to help and Vanessa is happy to stay on as either as Maggie may be unable to perform this duty.</p>	
AOCB	Link road consultation- everyone to fill in council feedback and FOEIR petition	
Date of next meeting	24 th February 4pm, venue TBC	