Culbokie Community Trust seeking support

CCT has reached the point where they've reached an agreement with Tulloch Homes about potential development of the site in Culbokie and have made an approach to the Big Lottery Community Assets Fund.

This initially required them to establish a stakeholders group, the meeting for which I went along to representing TBI. Since that meeting the idea of Stakeholders as been dropped as being seen to be too onerous and legalistic and some of the invited group had indicated that it would be easier to provide letters of support rather than become Stakeholders. Big Lottery has now agreed that CCT can drop the Stakeholder approach and as long as they are truly building community connections and helping each other to develop activities and services in the hub, then the residents, supporters, CCT, and the potential main funder will all be gaining from the collaboration.

The new approach has involved the development of Terms of Reference for the project (Culbokie Community Hub) and if, as individual organisations, we are able to support these T of R (see below) then we are being invited to consider becoming Project Supporters by signing a Letter of Support.

Martin suggests we should respond positively, but explain our constraints in terms of volunteer time, and say we'd be interested in participating in a growing project to ensure local, low-carbon food for the café, and in providing assistance to ensure a low-carbon building. He suggests there could be a really good CCF application for the growing bit, so we might want to leave open the possibility that we could help raise funds for the parts of the project that are most closely aligned with our agenda.

Julie March 2018
The Culbokie Community Trust (CCT) wishes to develop a community hub and central village gathering place on community land that it owns. The need for a community hub has been identified through considerable consultation with the local community.

The development will provide a comprehensive and sustainable range of activities and services that meet the needs of the community by including a café, health and wellbeing services and social activities for all sections of the community.

Purpose
1. That the project will deliver an environment and activities that help to meet the needs of the local community.
2. That the project will help to address the current level of amenity and services that is considered inadequate by the community.
3. That the project will help to improve the health and wellbeing of local residents working within the idea of a compassionate community.
4. That the project will increase the quantity and quality of social interaction and support the reduction of social isolation and loneliness in the community.
5. That the project will develop initiatives with the aim of offering support to those residents with additional health and social needs.
6. That the project is managed in a sustainable way.
7. That the project continually looks outwards towards organisations and ideas that will sustain the project for future generations living in and around the community.

Responsibilities of the Culbokie Community Trust
- To provide a partnership platform for the generation of ideas and the promotion of collaborative working.
- To provide a channel for communication and consultation with the community.
- To seek financial support to bring the capital project to fruition.
- To develop a brand identity for the community hub and to lead on the marketing and public relations of all activities and services.
- To develop and support individual/community volunteering opportunities and activities in the community hub.
- To develop and maintain a five year business plan for the project.

Responsibilities of Project Supporters
- To offer in-kind support to the community hub project.
- Active engagement in designing the activities of the project through an integrated programme.
- Active engagement in the design of the community hub and associated open space.

Bruce Morrison
Trustee (appointee of Ferintosh Community Council)
Culbokie Community Trust

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