

Local Initiatives in New Galloway (LING)

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC047553

Board Meeting

New Galloway Town Hall

7.30 pm Friday 26th August 2022

Minutes

1. Present: Mary Smith, Ros Hill, Glynne Shackleton, Ann Glaister, Bob Glaister, and Poppy Gilbert (by Zoom). Ronnie Bradford attended for first part of meeting
2. Apologies for absence: David Hardy.
3. Minutes of meetings of 5th July 2022 and the extraordinary Board meeting of 25th July: The minutes of both meetings were accepted as an accurate account
4. Matters arising: 1. Re item 6, that the installation of a landline phone would now be handled as part of the rewiring of the Town Hall; 2. Re item 8, that a cheque for £500 is understood to be on its way; 3. Re item 12, that a session of CPR training was set to run on 3rd September.
5. Chair's report: Mary acknowledged the significance of the achievement of asset transfer for LING and for the community, recognising that it's hard that it's in the context of the discovery of the dry rot. It was recognised that we cannot have a launch party of any kind just at the moment! Secondly, Mary proposed that we should try to keep a fairly tight focus so that we keep an eye of being sure we can manage our capacity individually and as a Board.
6. Financial Report: Received and briefly discussed. It was suggested that it would be helpful if the list of restricted sums could identify briefly what they are restricted for.
7. Post Asset-transfer plans and challenges: Ronnie summarised the current position in relation to the circulated paper. The Council work on the dry rot will involve an initial treatment and replacement phase, followed by the more complex reinstatement and then making-good. All this delays our work. We can, however, press ahead with some things. Further delays because people are busy – can take 9-10 weeks before getting someone to attend and getting hold of equipment also problematic. Prices have held reasonably with increases expected in October.

Some details:

- happening soon - removal of oil tank, removal of boiler, final quote expected for outside of building tomorrow – using expensive one-in-a-lifetime paint, roofer on site in next couple of weeks, including gutters and leading.

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- Hogmanay ceilidh now discounted as a likely option in the Town Hall
- Ronnie's most recent estimates increasing to 15% contingency comes to a total of £349,000

Glynne added that in relation to anticipated power costs, we should stay with our plan. We can aim to bring in some additional funding but essentially need to tough it out. If we board up the dry-rot wing of the building, we can use the back emergency exit, which will need a padlock to allow for entry.

He has put in listed building applications for the following and tabled copied of each:

- Defib in heated box on external wall
- Repositioned lift option
- Air-source heat pump position

Talking to Jeremy about moving upper hall switches so they can be accessed from within hall.

8. Use of Town Hall both short and longer term: The Board considered the paper from Mary about the proposed community hub. There was support for the idea in principle. Concerns related to costs, time and capacity – as well as the state of the hall at this moment in time. The possibility of introducing something of this kind in Kitty's was raised, since the moving of LING Lunches to Kitty's is now looking possible. General feeling was summarised as, 'If people need it, and we can do it, then we should.' It was recognised, however, that this did challenge the Board's and individual people's capacity.

9. Planned Events:

- i) Angie's Garroch Walled Garden Food event for Glenkens Food month. Needs more publicity.
- ii) Wine and Cheese – agreed should be only for Friends this time – in October and probably in Lesser Hall.
- iii) What to do about Ceilidh! The use of the CatStrand was suggested and will be investigated.
- iv) Angie is planning a Halloween Party.

10. Reports of sub-group issues and proposed actions:

- i) a brief report from Gerry had been received and it was noted that the money needs to be spent.
- ii) Similarly the money for the walled garden. Bob is working with them on this.
- iii) the display Boards are now in our possession and a related leaflet is being printed as a first run to try it out. It can also go on the website and that will be the next phase of work. There will be copies available in the Catstrand and in the shop.
- iv) Olivia's report was welcomed and felt to be very good. She has engaged new volunteers and got them registered to work towards the Saltire Award. A lot has been achieved in a short time.
- v) Community Inclusion verbal report via Mary:

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Lunches are beginning to settle with numbers increasing; Angie has been connecting with the CIC team; the guided walks were not a success and have been pinged back to Angie; Angie has thoughts of creating a Glenkens tapestry; also interested in pursuing the Flower Fairies opportunity.

11. Potential New Trustee: The Board considered a brief statement from Barbara Barker and approved wholeheartedly a proposal to co-opt her as a trustee.

12. AOBs: i) Noted that there will be a visit by Border TV to LING Lunches on Tuesday.

ii) Also noted and agreed a proposal from Glynne that we might include a time capsule in the walls of the Town Hall. Agreed that the schools should be approached to be engaged. Possibility of handprints on the wall.

iii) Noted work in progress to get an online diary in place for both trustees and freelance workers to be able to Access. CatStrand will help with this.

13. Date of next meeting: 7.30pm Friday 7th October