# Minutes of Barrhill Development Trust SCIO 49162 meeting on 12 July 2023

**Attendees:** Richard Brown - Chair (RB), Pearl McGibbon (PM), Hugh Gregg (HG) Shelagh Leach (SL), Kelly Russell (KR)

**Apologies:** Gillian Young

The meeting was quorate and went ahead at 19:00 Minutes taken by SL as temporary secretary

2. The first 30 minutes of this meeting was an open meeting and there were 19 members and 6 non-members present.

There was a sheet of commonly asked questions distributed to the people present at the meeting but this was largely ignored. Going forward it might be better to distribute this type of document to the members a week ahead of the open meeting then questions can be more informed without having to go over the same information several times.

## **Questions and responses**

A member asked about using the "loop" system in the Hall as some people were finding it hard to hear what was being said - BDT will look into using this going forward.

- Q Have meetings been minuted? When will they be shown?
- A All meetings have been minuted but we are currently unable to release them due to complex employment and legal issues Redacted minutes will be added to the website.
- Q Will the Handyman job be advertised or contracted out?
- A We currently have 4 applications for the Handyman role, we will be sending out job descriptions, task lists and application forms.
- Q What has happened to the accounts? They are on the OSCR website redacted
- A We will ask OSCR why they have been redacted without our knowledge
- Q Pub project, do we have a timeline yet? Is the pub close to opening yet?
- A The pub meeting will happen as has been advertised on Facebook and in the shop. Once a date has been decided that will be shared in the same way.

No the pub is not close to opening yet, please see the information sheet on the pub that has been sent out

Q Will the pub meeting be a BDT meeting or a Pub meeting?

- A It will be a community wide meeting in the Memorial Hall based on the pub.
- Q Will the Community Action Plan be managed by BDT or BCIC?
- A That will be managed by BCIC
- Q The Blue containers at the Hall are an eyesore, can something be done with them?
- A We are looking at covering them with a shelter that will also be useful for any cyclists passing through the village when it is raining.

A comment was made at this time by a member that BDT could apply to Carrick Futures for grants

- Q Richard is it true that you are stepping down from the Chair and BDT?
- A Yes that is true, I will also be stepping down from the Board of BCIC later in the year, for reasons of my own that are personal
- Q Are you looking to employ another Development Officer?
- A No, we are going to employ someone as an administrator for office duties and face to face contact
- Q If you all resigned tonight what would happen to the money because I'm sure you must all feel like resigning with people being so horrible?
- A If we all resigned then the money would go and be reassigned to another charity by SPR
- Q So then Barrhill would have to raise its own funds by village fetes etc?
- A Yes
- Q What people are you looking for as Trustees?
- A People who live within the boundaries of Barrhill who are willing to give up some of their time to help improve the lives of elderly and disadvantaged people living in Barrhill
- Q If an idea has been spoken about once but was rejected, could it be looked at again openly?
- A Yes it could, it just needs to be brought to the meeting.

At this point the Open meeting was brought to a close and the members and non-members attending left.

# 3 Consideration of Membership applications

1 application was received after the Open part of the meeting. The Secretary will contact applicant and referees and report back

#### 4 Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were not available for agreement , this will be done independently when they become available

#### 5 Matters arising from previous meeting and minutes

- **5.1 Handyman position** 4 applicants who will be sent the job description, task list and application form once these are finalised
- **PAT testing -** we are currently securing a date to do this, KR has the name of a person who is qualified to do it
- **5.3 Composters** PMcG has spoken with a joiner who is willing to give us a quote and come to tell us what he can do for this and the point below
- **5.4** Outside shed as above

### 6 Monthly finance report for BDT

- 6.1
- 6.2
- 6.3 OK
- 6.4 OK
- 6.5 OK

A new invoice for Glendevon re the biomass boiler was submitted for payment . Agreed

#### 7 Applications for Grants or Bursaries

There have been no applications for Grants or Bursaries

#### 8 AOB

8.1 Appointment of Secretary - SL to take up temporary role.
SL to reply to incoming emails - RB to send on to SL for action

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