



GIRVAN COMMUNITY GARDEN MINUTES

Meeting Title:	Directors Meeting
Date Time	5 th December 2023 at 19:00
Location:	Cabin, GCG
Chairperson	Ward Higgins (Vice Chair)
Minutes By:	Chris Campbell

Present:	Chris Campbell, Kenneth McDonald, Jim Flynn, Ward Higgins, Christine McLeish,	Jim McClymont
Apologies:	Kevin Gillilan, Laura Gilillan	Julie Campbell

		Action
1.	Apologies As above	
2.	Events Review: Xmas Fayre £580 raised from Xmas Fayre. All felt it was time to change the format as there are now an abundant amount of Xmas Fayres in the town. Almost 300 people attended between 1pm and 3.30pm. The Mulled punch was very successful. Chris to suggest to other organisations about a possible Xmas market in the car park area. Discussion also took place around focussing on food and drink stalls with a bar and more choir music. We decided to keep it as an event for next year but change the content.	Chris
3.	Event Planning: New Year We have cancelled the Hogmanay and New Year's Day gatherings due to the work needing done on the dome over the Xmas period. Strandline We will not be hosting the last, or any, installation on the Strandline. Our proposal with CragArts was rejected without reason. All Board members expressed their disappointment at this decision. Xmas night out Directors and staff will go out for a meal at Austins on Friday Dec 22 nd . Arrival from 6.30pm. A budget of £500 has been allocated to the night out. Volunteers' Xmas party We will host a volunteers evening on Fri Dec 29 th from 4pm in the Dome with alcohol, food and live music. Julie and Jim to invite the volunteers.	Jim and Julie
4.	Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes of October meeting: Proposed by Jim Flynn, Seconded by Kenny.	
5.	Matters arising and action points: New pergola kit has been constructed by Kenny and Kevin. All	

	<p>present thanked them both for their excellent build and Jim Flynn for digging out the plants that needed to be removed. The new Solar power system has also been installed by Ian Irvine and James Cadle. The system is working well even in the depth of winter. This is a good sign for the summer.</p> <p>Broadband has also been installed and the signal is good around the garden with the exception of the far side of the dome. Chris to enquire with BT on getting a booster for the dome.</p> <p>OSCR accounts now submitted.</p> <p>Chris to notify Julie and Jim on number of Annual Leave hours left.</p> <p>Chris still to buy a tarp to cover the chairs outside.</p> <p>All solar batteries are fully charged. Old batteries being de-sulfated and re-charged. Solar system in store needs repaired. Chris to arrange.</p> <p>No further correspondence from University re – the volunteer placement.</p> <p>Julie has started the website content review.</p>	<p>Chris</p> <p>Chris</p> <p>Chris</p>
6.	<p>Employees Report: Winter hours now in place. No issues.</p>	
7.	<p>Garden Maintenance: Garden Maintenance ongoing. Kenny suggested using the Grants volunteers to fix the drainage issue at the store/back gate area. Jim/Julie to speak to Faye about getting this done around early March.</p> <p>Guttering to go up on new pergola with water barrels stored behind the pergola. Jim to arrange.</p> <p>Kenny/Kevin to fit a middle station to the sides and front of the new pergola. Chris will then measure and order new pvc sides and front. Zip door to be at side to allow access to the water butts. Rubber skirt to be attached to rear at bottom to address the gap.</p> <p>Ward to paint the pergola.</p> <p>Jim to lay slabs and gravel through Green gym.</p>	<p>Jim/Julie</p> <p>Jim Kenny/Kevin Chris</p> <p>Jim Ward Jim</p>
8.	<p>Funding: ARIA: First Aria report submitted and we are on schedule. Pergola now built; broadband installed; solar system fitted and dome materials now delivered.</p> <p>The VASA 24/25 application has been submitted for both Well being fund and Chatty spaces. Decision expected mid December. Chris to circulate the report produced to support the VASA application to the Board for reference.</p> <p>Our Expression of Interest has passed to the next phase of the Local Planning Partnership (LPP) Participatory Budgeting fund. Chris to submit the next application form by December 15th.</p> <p>Proposals by GoGirvan to move the Tattie Fest to late May not approved by the Board. Suggested either 15th or 22nd June. Chris to liaise with GoGirvan.</p> <p>Board to apply to GrantsEmployee Forum for Folk Fest and Tattie Fest funding. Jim to liaise with Chris and submit.</p>	<p>Chris</p> <p>Chris</p> <p>Chris</p>
9.	<p>Secretary's Report: Chris to give OSCR accounts to Kenny to scan and file electronic copy for reference.</p> <p>Chris read out some correspondence re – an enquiry on permission to spread ashes in the garden and have a small ceremony. Board decided spreading of the Ashes not appropriate but that ceremony would be ok but not on a Tuesday or Sunday. Chris to reply.</p> <p>SAC Bin collection chart given to Ward to manage. Bins to be</p>	<p>Chris</p> <p>Chris</p> <p>Chris</p>

	presented on Knockcushan St. Ward to coordinate. Kenny has requested a Treasurer email to separate the increasing volume of GCG emails he receives. Chris to send request to Paul Smart.	Ward Chris
10.	Treasurer's Report: £32K + in bank account. Donations are still doing well each month. Outgoings now slowing down. Estimated possible unrestricted funds of £20k.	
11.	AOCB: Laura to ask Nicola if we can purchase 2 more pallets of briquettes as we are selling a pallet per month. Zanne has donated our use of Mains power through the year. All agreed to purchase a hamper as a thank you. Julie to arrange. Calendar of events to be compiled for approval at next meeting. Jim Flynn would like to incorporate a beer tasting day into the calendar. Chris has now purchased a sufficient amount of malt whisky bottles to run a whisky social tasting event. Scheduled for late February, Alister Scobie and his friend will host it. Tickets will be £25 and tickets limited to 20 (+ Board members). Chris to arrange.	Laura Julie Chris
12.	Date of Next Meeting: 6th February 2023 , 7pm, Cabin	