Carradale Community Trust meeting 10th February 2025. Village Hall. 6pm

In attendance:

Phil Royal (Chair), Emma Macalister Hall (Secretary), Russell Kay (Treasurer), Philip Prince, Sophie Semple, Jane Dunbar, Lyndsay McGeachy. Zofija Sloan (admin)

Apologies:

None.

Minutes of meeting held on 16th January 2025 were approved.

Matters arising: None.

Treasurers Report.

RK had previously circulated his report. RK gave an overview of recent grant payments received and what they related to. He aims to draft a Financial Controls Policy in time for the next Board meeting. He will be discussing with a Tax expert from WD Duncan (CCT accountants) the VAT situation with regard to the Network Centre and what the benefits are.

Admin & Finance Role:

The contract and funding for this position is coming to an end. It was decided that funding be sought to enable the role to continue for the next 2 years. The role will report directly to the Treasurer in future and may progress into a project manager role now that the development of the Network Centre is proposed.

Once the Local Development Plan (LDP) has been agreed for the forthcoming period, the role of project manager will be better informed and take into account the projects that are in the pipeline.

Joint Planning Group report:

Discussions took place regarding the role out of the survey that has been developed. It will be circulated via Facebook in the first instance. Groups have come forward to take tables at the forthcoming Open Day on 1st March which will determine the key objectives for the next period.

An open meeting for Members and EKCC members is planned for the 31st March in the Meeting room of the Village Hall. 6pm. This will be an ideal opportunity to share the findings from the Open Day.

ZS: organise photos to be printed at Keeping it Local – please send to her.

ZS: organise and confirm prices/numbers with Blackbird Tearoom for event.

ZS: print membership forms for new membership sign ups.

Network Centre:

A stakeholder meeting was held recently to discuss possible development of the site. RK & ZS gave an overview of the positive meeting that was held.

A second architectural company have been asked to give an overview of design for the centre and will attend the site this week and submit plans in time for the forthcoming Open Day.

Update on transfer of ownership of the Network Centre.

ZS noted that she had met with the lawyer and he is pushing the transfer of title forward. She will chase up next week.

Seneval:

It was decided that a charge of £30 per trailer load would be implemented for commercial waste being dumped at the site.

AOTB:

RK noted that with the progress made in processing the yearly accounts he would hope to hold the AGM earlier in the year. Perhaps May.

PR noted that he would be unable to continue as an active Chairperson as his own private and business commitments were proving to take up more of his time. He noted that he would be happy to stay as a figurehead until such time as a new Chair was elected.

Meeting closed: 7.30pm

DONM:

Monday 28th April 2025 6pm Village Hall.