

GLENURQUHART CARE PROJECT

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MINUTES OF 18TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at THE GLENURQUHART CENTRE, DRUMNADROCHIT WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2013 AT 2 PM

1. PRESENT

Director/Trustees & Members: Clare Dixon-Carter, Dianne Fraser, Neil MacInnes, Edward Redmond, David Fraser, Alan Bell, Jan Bell, **(Patron)** Dr Joanne Sutherland

Staff: Elaine Fraser, Shirley McBeath, Lisa Menzies

Friends, Centre Clients, Guests: John Hunt, Joan Hunt, Jacqueline MacKenzie, Frances MacRae, Jo Adams, Tom Cabe, Margaret Cabe, Isabell Young, Christine Hart, Chris Surteees, Jim McKerron, Mickey, Vic, Rae, June Dunn, Peggy Woolston, Margaret Phimister, Joan Richmond, ?Alex Begg, Isobel Fairclough, Ian,

2. APOLOGIES

Joyce Thompson, Cllr Hamish Wood, Cllr Margaret Davidson, Mavis Elliott, Sheila Lumsden

Neil gave a brief reminder/introduction to the Glenurquhart Care Project as a community-owned charity company, and its history since 1995. He urged new volunteers with appropriate skills to offer them to the Board if we are to develop new projects.

3. CONVENER'S ADDRESS

Dianne welcomed everyone and reported a very busy year.

In January we started very well with an exceptional Care Inspection Report for the Centre's performance and management.

In May the Centre won the Scottish Care Partnership Award, collected in Glasgow by Elaine and Shona after much hard work. The GCP's integrated services are increasingly seen as a model example.

There has been much work in managing the transfer of Adult Care services from the Highland Council to the NHS

The Centre's operations are still very busy with growing and very varied demand

We continue to grow and extend the Care at Home service, from 140 towards 200 hours/week. All praise to Elaine and team who have to manage 'Sudoku'-like planning!

GCP is committed to the integrated model of Care. It is important that we have a variety of supporting groups, including dementia, occupational therapy and for carers (thanks particularly to Jo, Shirley and Val)

Much work was put into an application last year to the Change Fund. We are very disappointed that the Fund was 'put on hold' with no awards, but will monitor the position.

We welcome the new bus, with huge thanks to Highland Cross. It is now in use after a few hiccups. We hope to make use of the Bus service Permit, soon.

Elaine has been representing us on the New Health Centre development group.

The Housing subgroup has met with Scottish Land Fund, Albyn Housing and the Developers.

We look forward to an exciting 2014, developing our work with Home Care providers.

Thanks to everyone - to the Staff for going 'above and beyond', the Service Users for their feedback, and to the Directors and Friends.

There were no Questions

4. PROGRESS on the MEDICAL CENTRE - David Fraser

There has been good progress. £1.5M funding was secured which but it must be spent within 2014. Its area of 600 Sq M will be much more than at present. Half will be for Doctors' Surgeries, with the rest for Community Services including Social Work and Physiotherapy. The internal layout has been well discussed with different groups. A site near the existing surgery is preferred but there are problems to settle with Transport Scotland about the proposed roundabout, making an interim T-junction possible. If there is a snag, another site on Pitkerrald Road can be considered, but this must be resolved by March. If the project proceeds, it could include a dentistry and pharmacy.

Q: What has taken so long to sort out?

A. The road junction principles have been difficult to agree with Transport Scotland, but it is now agreed not to let this hold up Health Centre progress.

Q (Alan Bell) Would another site have to be paid for, as the preferred site was gifted?

A It would be paid for, but services may be cheaper. One consulting room could be lost.

5. PROGRESS on HOUSING DEVELOPMENT - David Fraser

We have an option on land for up to 12 amenity housing units adjacent to the Glen Centre, under the main housing site proposals. GCP has had various talks with partners..

Q (Alan Bell) Can the amenity housing proceed if the main development doesn't?

A Yes, although maybe in phases.

Q. (Jo Sutherland) Will these be accessed from the A82?

A. Not for cars, but there would be pedestrian access. There could be a retail/shop area and a safe route across the A82.

Q (Jan Bell) Would the housing be similar to those presently next the Centre or may they have wardening?

A They should be better quality, eg with 2 beds, as seen by Elaine on a Dornie scheme.

6. AGM BUSINESS

a. MINUTES OF 18th AGM 30th Jan 2013 and Matters Arising

The Minutes were agreed, and signed by the Convener
There were no Matters Arising from them

b. DIRECTORS REPORT AND 2013 AUDITED ACCOUNTS

A summary was distributed, and the full Report/Accounts were available for those wishing to inspect them. Dianne noted key points. The large turnover increase was due to the new Care-at-Home service, adding 60%, and the £49k special donation for the new Bus. Next year's position will be tighter, for both of the 2 income streams. Congratulations to Elaine for managing the Centre to an efficient result.

c. RE-APPOINTMENT/APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR/TRUSTEES

- (i) The 6 existing GCP Director/Trustees were introduced
- (ii) Clare Dixon-Carter, Dianne Fraser, Neil MacInnes, and Shona MacCorquodale (away) continue their terms as Director/Trustees.
- (iii) Edward Redmond and Vanessa Ferguson retired by as Directors, as being the 1/3rd longest-serving, and were proposed for re-appointment (Resolution under M&A C112). GCP Members approved these 2 re-appointments.

(iv) There remains a vacancy and people interested to offer their skills were strongly asked to contact a Board member.

d. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Current auditors Johnston Carmichael were willing to continue and proposed reduced fees. It was agreed they be re-appointed.

Clare noted the very valuable role of our Patron Dr Jo Sutherland

June Dunn led a strong vote of thanks to Elaine and the Staff

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS