

BAILIES OF BENNACHIE BOARD MEETING.

Date 28th October 2019

Attendees: Jackie Cumberbirch (JC) (chair), Ann Baillie (AB), Fiona Cormack (FC), Brian Cornock (BC), Margaret Garden (MG), Angela Groat (AG), Harry Leil (HL), William Linklater (WL) Dave Peter (DP), Rosemary Sievwright (RS), Donna Taylor (DT).

Apologises: ST and AW

Item	Comment	Action	Responsible/ target date
1 Welcome	JC welcomed all present to the meeting at the Community Room in Tesco Inverurie.		
2 Previous Minutes	FC had been inadvertently omitted from Attendee list, now corrected		RS
3 Treasurers Report BC	Full report was circulated prior to the meeting.		
	BC comments that Treasury work has increased dramatically since the introduction of PayPal and he wonders if help was available. He also said he would happily retire from the post if anyone else wanted it. A retired Banker has volunteered to help the Bailies but he is unknown to the board and his area of interest is also unknown.	Check with Auditor if info about Gift Aid from PayPal Giving is acceptable without corroboration.	BC
	Investing Bailies money was further discussed. BC would choose to invest in tracker funds using the Charities Aid Foundation but a majority of Board Members were reluctant both to burden BC with more work and to invest in the Stock market, in any form, in the current financial situation. It was agreed that the money earmarked for investment was to be saved in a 1year term deposit account with Clydesdale Bank.	JC will write to Redmayne Bentley and McInroy Wood to tell them the Boards decision	JC
	JC asked BC to update the Treasurers job description in the light of the extra work and with a view to finding areas where other board members can help.		BC
4 Outreach Officer Report FC	Report was circulated prior to the meeting		
	Membership drive during October has proved successful.		
	Book launch on 21 st November. Advertising posters have been printed at a cost of £20 for 50, and a template for future Bailies posters will be produced.		
	Windfarm grant application to help finance the Bennachie film was unsuccessful		
	Help for preparing grant applications is being sought.		
	Bailies stand at the Hill Races proved interesting but generated no sales.? Worth repeating?		
	An up to date generic power point presentation on Bennachie has been prepared and a few talks have already been booked. Others are being sought.		

	Outreach officer steering group (JC,DP and ST)met with FC to discuss future direction, she will produce a report in November, which will include marketing, and events for 2020 including some to be included in 25 th anniversary celebration of the Bennachie Centre programme.	Any suggestions for events large or small would be appreciated	All
5 Membership Report DT	Report circulated prior to meeting.		
	61 new members to date, as a result of the membership drive. The prize of afternoon tea at Pittodrie will be drawn on Friday and a photo will be posted on the website and Facebook.		
	8 old members have been reinstated and 2 removed.		
	11 gift membership have been requested mainly for Christmas presents.		
	2 people have volunteered to help, one is interested in wildlife, the other is a retired banker but unsure if finance is his interest with the Bailies	Details passed to JM JC will contact the banker	JC
6 Publications Update AB	Launch of Book 4 in Landscape Series will be on 21 st November at GHC. The book will cost £12, possible with a free gift of book 1.		
	It will be available on the website as an E book at some point.		
	ST will be preparing the annual report.		
	580 calendars left so far.		
	A suggestion of photos of paintings of Bennachie to be used for 2021 calendar.	Art show as a source?	
7 Website Update WL	DT and WL met with Global web to bring difficulties to their attention. As a result improvements are ongoing and a new improved user manual is being produced.		
	Cascade training will be initiated.		WL and DT
	4 newsletters per year are being planned.		FC
	Plan to monitor website traffic.		
8 Work Party Update HL	5 th October work party was clearing Larch, Spruce and Lodgepole pine from Oxencraig.		
	9 th November is to be trimming the willow sculpture and fence repair.		
9 Chair Report JC	Bruce Mann and Mike Tait helped assess the Colony buildings. Maintenance of Cairn Couttie and Shepherds Lodge will be undertaken at a cost of £500.	The board agreed to meet the cost	
	Bruce Mann has agreed to arrange signage as well.		
10 Wildlife Group Report	JC has been in contact with Jill Mathews		
	On 16 th November there will be a visit to the Deer larder.	FC will put it on Facebook	
	A goose watch is also planned.		
11 AOB	Letter from Colin Shepherd re archaeology on Bennachie.		

