



HALKIRK DISTRICT BENEFIT FUND

Company registration No: 281781

Scottish Charity No: SC039254

MEMBERS NOTES- MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday 27th June 2022 7.00pm Ross Institute Halkirk

Present	Gillian Coghil Chair, Trish Bremner Treasurer, Gordy Levack, Richard MacNicol, Jane MacIntosh
Apologies	Kathrin Haltiner, Ken Nicol

1. Welcome and Apologies

Gillian Coghil opened the meeting apologies noted above.

2. Minutes of previous meeting May and Notes of Meeting June 17th

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

First aid training- there have been 28 responses to the post promoting the possible first aid training sessions.

Halkirk Primary school visit- Directors agreed to leave the visit until after the school holidays. It was agreed Trish would notify the school of this.

Halkirk walk – Proposed walkway development from Halkirk to Sibster Forest. Karl Rosie Matt Dent – awaiting a response from Karl and Matt. Gillian will speak to Lord Thurso regarding the back lane (the last strip of ground between the village and the field).

Policies – Policies are being written and will be distributed for approval.

Jubilee – The Village Council were having a meeting and they would be collating costs to finalise the amount required from HDBF from the agreed £10,000.00 ringfenced.

4. Sutherland Estate

Fund solicitor has contacted Charlie Rigg Young, and Robertson outlining concerns and is awaiting a response.

* Secretary update an email has been received the funds are no longer to be transferred to the Fund.

5. Funding Applications

Grant **HDBF-03-22** payment is now due as receipts for full spend of grant have been received – Trish to discuss with secretary.

A letter had been received by one of the Directors from Liz MacIntosh requesting funding for driving lessons. After discussion it was agreed Gordy would speak with the applicant to encourage an application to other funds.

HDBF-14-22 Spittal WRI - Chocolate making workshop £240.00 Application refused. It was considered there were alternative funding streams available for this application which is the same as flower arranging applications which were refused for a similar reason.

HDBF-15-22 Halkirk Village Council – Development Officer £18,963.00

After discussion it was agreed by the directors present to award a grant of £8,500 for the first year. This was seen to be in the region of 50% of the total salary costs.

The following caveats were to be noted:

- The other directors supported the point that all the projects identified must consider the wider community and not just the village.
- To be inclusive and develop and facilitate projects in the district to also benefit the people most affected by the turbines, i.e., Westerdale, Harpsdale, Scotscladder, Spittal and in the hills.
- Regular feedback (suggested quarterly) from the Development Officer to HDBF on progress and a detailed report on our investment before the end of the 1st year so that further consideration to invest in year 2 dependant on success/progress.

HDBF-16-22 Tanya Horne Dancer Parents Association – Dance Uniform Library £2,555.00

After discussion it was agreed to award £2,000.00 towards creating a library of kilt uniforms dancers can borrow.



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6. AOCB

Community support- food boxes an email had been received by one of the Directors from Caithness Community Connections offering food boxes to members of the community with children who could be identified as an ideal recipient of food boxes during the school holidays. Jane MacIntosh will contact CCC to discuss this with them.

Financial update had been omitted.

There is currently £645,752.00 in the bank.

Directors expressed concern at Solicitors costs to date discussing Edward and Jessie Sutherland Estate.

7. Date of next meeting

Monday 29th August 7pm Ross Institute