

Upper Eskdale Development Group Directors' Meeting 12/05/2016, at the Hub

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Present: Beckie Peloso, Jennie Mills, Lodro Dorje, Victoria Long, Angelo van Hoppe, Bernard Provost.

Visitors: David Moffat, George Birrell & Sue Company.

Apologies: Jock Miller

Conflicts of Interest: None.

Our visitors were welcomed.

Minutes of previous meeting: These were approved by Jennie as correct. This was seconded by Bernard.

Matters arising:

Volunteer Duty Manger: this will be looked into further by **Sharon and Victoria**.

Working alone in the building: we need to look into this in depth: **Tanith/Sharon and Jock or Victoria**.

Administrator's (Sharon) report:

- Rates for rooms: the board agreed that they were happy to leave them as listed for the moment.
- Motorbikes: It was decided that we should put a notice up asking bikers to park at the side of the building (near the front door). A bigger notice should be put on the shed: No parking beyond this point for cars or motor bikes. Bernard suggested a chain, this was agreed by the majority. **Victoria to ask Sharon to make the notice.**
- A new website: It was agreed that it was very kind of Elinor Predota to offer her expertise in making UEDG a new website. However, **the board would like** to see examples of the websites that she had designed before a final decision was made about this.

Tanith's report: **Jennie will** speak with Tanith about finding volunteers to stand in, or other staff during holiday periods.

Nick's Report: The board approved the '3 Action Points for the Board', subject to the funds having been received by UEDG and Nick having met with the board and the CEO, David Milburn.

It was suggested and agreed by all that **Nick** be asked to write a report for the new CEO to explain the finances involved in both the Affordable Housing and the Wind Farm. Subsequently that a meeting be set up for him to meet the CEO, as well as the board.

Agenda Items

Training: Victoria has been trying to communicate with Abi Roberts, Development Officer – Annandale and Eskdale Localities, Third Sector for D & G, but so far without much success. **Victoria will persevere.**

Boundaries: Frances as well as Susie and Brian have changed their minds about having a wall and are now asking for a high fence. It was agreed that we go ahead and get 3 quotes for this. The decision on who should pay for it will partly depend on what is in our Deeds. These have been sent for.

Preparation for New CEO: David Milburn: David's suggested timetable was read out. It was suggested that **the board** be available during David's first 2 days.

Policy regarding the bringing in of alcohol: Sharon should look at other places doing the same. **Sharon to** make up a decision and present it to the board by email.

Arts & Crafts Group: Kathy Walker is keen to set up an Arts and Crafts Group. **Angelo agreed** to be on the working group with her, to represent the board.

Garden: **Bernard will get** a quote to the Hub by the w/e, for the plans around the PV panels. It was noted that Becky had some 4ft. sq planters. It was agreed that we would like these for the garden. **Becky will** bring them.

Finance Minutes: these had been read by all. It was noted that a loss had been made in April.

Shop: **Becky is** working to put together a newsletter that includes lots of ideas for development. She will send us all a copy before it goes out to the public.

Lodro Dorje will do a stock take after 6 months.

Prehistoric & Heritage Project

The Project Enquiry has been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund and we are waiting to hear the result.

Playground

Although the Planning Permission was advertised about 2 weeks ago, we have not yet received news of the result.

Next meeting: A provisional date of Wednesday 8th June, was set.

Victoria Long, Secretary.