

## BOARD MEETING

Wednesday 27 February 2019 at 7.00pm

Held at the Hall for Gwinear

**Directors:** Cathy Woolcock(Chair), Richard Rogers, Nicolas Herian,  
Diana Hall, Rosemarie Norman, Jenny Tovey and Janet McEwan

**In attendance:** Kerry Horner (Administrator)

**Apologies:** All directors were present.

Item	Minute	Action
1.	<b>Election of Chair</b>  Directors thanked RR for his service as chair. DH proposed and RN seconded CW as GGSCF Chair. <b>All directors were in favour.</b>	
2.	<b>Apologies</b>  All directors were present.	
3.	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>  The minutes of previous meeting held 11 July 2018, copies of which were circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.	
4.	<b>Matters Arising</b>  There were no matters arising.	
5.	<b>Allocation of Director's Responsibilities</b>  Directors thanked RR for continuing responsibility for Charities Commission and Companies House. JT to purchase signs. CW to distributed lightbulbs to DH and RN. JM to ask persons responsible to collect them.	JT CW/JM
6.	<b>Financial Update</b>  Financial accounts to date were circulated prior to the meeting. NH confirmed balance at bank at £82,836.65. Hope Farm February 2018 invoice outstanding, Hope Farm 2019 invoice sent. Directors approved RR claim for postage and stationery at £18.97.	KH to chase

## 7. Website Update

CW to check costings. Defer to next meeting.

CW

## 8. Grants Awarded Update Jan 19

8.1 Gwithian Residents Association for replacement boardwalks on Gwithian Green grant of £12,984. Project complete, information on website. NH visited and was shown round by DG he was impressed with the finished project.

8.2 Sandcastles Preschool for external painting and signs grant £3,500. Project complete, information on website. Directors stated the finished project looks very good.

8.3 Reawla Park grant of £21,696. Project complete, information on the website. Legal advice was sought as the invoice was from a public sector organisation, directors agreed that in future, the whole project must be done by the applicant to avoid a repeat of the situation. CW to write and thank Borlase & Co.

CW

8.4 Evidence of lease is still awaited from Gwinear Football Club for replacement of two changing rooms and a referee changing area, grant for £9,410.

KH to

8.5 Hall for Gwinear for replacement windows, £7,000 deposit paid, £7,003.45 due on completion which is imminent.

chase

8.6 Connor Downs school for rainwater harvesting, grant of £6,500, quotes received. Directors approved the quote, funds to be transferred.

RR

## 9. Towans Partnership Report

Directors received the Towans Partnership Report and noted the excellent result that they have been selected for the Dynamic Dunescape Project and secured funding of £250,000.

## 10. Grant Applications

### 10.1 Friends of Gwinear School

Application for £15,000 for the development of the second phase of their outdoor area to provide an opportunity for outdoor learning on the perimeter of the playing fields. In addition to being used at lunchtimes and break times, teachers will teach a whole classes as part of the curriculum eg nature for science lesson. Children learn better outside and it helps develop the whole child and gives an appreciation of the environment. If the rebuilding of the Elliot hut goes ahead the headteacher will ensure it will not impinge on this project. There are only costings as the work will be done by a learning mentor working with the children. The headteacher assured the directors that portable equipment would be locked away at night.

**Recommendation:** Directors discussed at length and requested a full breakdown of costs. In order to ensure the project is transparent directors will visit the school on Friday 8 March at 10.30am. Decision deferred, directors to reconvene on Wednesday 20 March at 7pm in the Hall for Gwinear.

All

### 10.2 Friends of Connor Downs Academy

Application for £20,500 for a Solar Panel System. Renewable energy to be used as an educational tool and provide a small income for Friends, savings would be used for specific projects eg outdoor growing and learning area. Current heating system is old and costly, more efficient electric heaters have replaced older ones, installing

gas for heating is not viable. The feed in tariff is low and is being removed at the end of March, therefore, order to be placed before the deadline.

**Recommendation:** NH proposed and RR seconded approval of the grant. Directors requested an annual statement from Friends of Connor Downs on what their income from the solar panels has been spent on. 4 directors were in favour, 2 abstained and 1 was against. Approval granted. Directors to advise Friends to consider other methods of heating eg biomass and make further grant applications.

**10.3 Wave Project Proposal Gwithian**

Application for £15,000 for professional fees to build a national surf therapy centre working with challenging children during the school day. Funding would be used for survey work prior to preparation of planning application. Currently operating out of Newquay running beach school projects and working with the surf school which has poor facilities. Schools make referrals to put children on the programme, highly trained staff would be needed. Landowner has said they would consider an option to sell their land. The project is for classrooms, changing rooms and outdoor space, if more simplified buildings are preferred it can be accommodated. Income £800K last year from a combination of charitable trusts, lottery, fund raising and a small shop in Newquay, 22 staff over the whole company, no staff earn more than £60K. Parish Council and Cornwall Council have been approached.

**Recommendation:** The directors were impressed with the idea and are sympathetic to the project but agreed to refuse the applications as GGSCF are unable to fund a project at such a preliminary stage with no permissions and agreements in place. All directors were in agreement.

11. **AOB.**

There were no AOB.

12. **Next Meetings:**

Board Meeting: 20 March 2019 at 7pm Hall for Gwinear.

AGM 26 June 2019 at 7pm followed by Board meeting at 7.30pm. RR to book Gwithian Church Hall. Advanced publication of AGM to: Parish Council; Signpost; GVA, CDRA; Gwithian RA, Towans Partnership, Towans Ratepayers Association and website. RR KH

The chairman thanked all those present for their attendance and the meeting closed at 22.00.

Signed ..... Date .....