

BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Board Meeting held Wednesday 24 February 2021 at 7pm

Video Conference

Directors: Cathy Woolcock (Chair), Nicolas Herian, Jenny Tovey and Janet McEwan

In attendance: Kerry Horner (Administrator)

Apologies: Rosemarie Norman

Item	Minute	Action
1.	Declarations of Interest CW connected person to Wall Hall applicant. JM vice chair of GRA.	
2.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting JT proposed and JM seconded approval of the minutes of previous meeting held 8 July 2020 copies of which were circulated and will be signed as a correct record when directors meet. All directors were in favour.	
3.	Matters Arising There were no matters arising.	
4.	Financial Update Financial accounts to date were circulated prior to the meeting. Balance at bank confirmed at £94,023.73 uncommitted, all awarded grants have been paid.	
5.	Solar Parks Schedule of Payments Agreement Daniel Lindeque of Low Carbon issued an updated schedule of payments detailing contract FiT RPI and historic payments made. NH proposed and JT seconded acceptance of 1.20% FiT RPI as at February 2021. All directors were in favour.	
6.	Administrators Report Directors received the administrators report January 2021. Actions for promoting grant funding from AGM 09.09.20 were discussed: 6.1 Allotments: There is some interest regarding leasing land for allotments, but it is difficult to open discussion during the pandemic. Suggested sites were a field in Gwinear Farm, Glebelands, Diocese or Carnhell Green. Defer to summer.	

6.2 Lisa Goodall (LG) has brought the creation of cycle route to the parish council where GGSCF was named as a potential funding source, LG has done a lot of work on the project and has found some paths in bad repair. Directors stated it is a good idea but has potential problems of farm land security and donation of land, plus motorbikes may use them, improving a surface makes vehicles go faster. **Directors agreed** to leave the parish council to lead the project and will give due consideration to all grant applications.

6.3 Connor Downs speed cameras have been approved and are being installed by the parish council.

6.4 JT has reminded the parish council of GGSCF funds available on numerous occasions.

6.5 Directors continue to be proactive and approach people and organisations to promote the Trust.

6.6 Directors considered funding a community bus for doctors' and community groups visits, suggestions were: electric vehicle; using a school bus; sponsor a cost for a driver; community groups to organise a contract with a driver and apply to GGSCF to sponsor cost. **Directors agreed** to approach the parish council to determine local need and obtain tenders for community consultation. JT will contact VP.

JT

6.7 GGSCF banner erected on Hall of Gwinear fencing needs new cable ties.

KH

7. **Sponsorship of Duchy College Student at Rosewarne**

Due to the pandemic no further information is known regarding Duchy bursary. NH will chase Duchy, final agreement may be agreed via email. Committed for 2021.22 NH

8. **Global Issues Conference**

Due to the pandemic no further information is known.

9. **Grant Applications**

9.1 Hayle Memory Café – Christine Price at 7.30pm

Application for £360 for support of venue annual rent. Hayle Memory Café continues to offer support during the pandemic with a team of 12 volunteers making phone calls while others make and deliver activity packs. There is no end date for the café provision, there is no charge while not in use, donations at the door and fundraising cover rent but due to the pandemic there have been no meetings or donations, they have applied to CRCC who have granted funds for printing and postage of 30 page Sparkle in the past. They belong to Cornwall Memory Café network made up of individual cafes. There are 30/40 attendees in any one session with an age range of 56-91. They cover Hayle, Connor Downs, Gwinear, Sennan and Penzance. There is no transport they have tried to tie in with the bus timetables which have been unreliable. Directors thanked CP for attending and congratulated her on organising such a worthwhile community group. CP

stated that she will be happy to promote GGSCF and invited directors to attend a meeting when restrictions ease. CP left at 19.43.

Recommendation: Directors noted that whilst Hayle is a secondary area, primary areas Gwinear and Connor Downs are covered. JT proposed and JM seconded approval of £1,200 grant to cover 3 years rent at £360 plus activity contribution. **All directors were in favour.**

9.2 Gwithian Residents Association – Richard Goodere at 7.45pm

Application for £12,332 for Gwithian Replacement Footbridge with access ramps, gates and an extended boardwalk. RG stated the product is the same reconstituted plastic as the GGSCF funded boardwalk 2 years ago with a lifespan of 20-25 years, the bridge will include a ramp either side with gates as a safety measure. The preferred contractor is Kevin Authors as he identified that the original application did not include steel girders needed to support the bridge which has increased funds needed at £10,820 plus Tom David at £1,512 for the extended boardwalk where the area becomes waterlogged. The path is open at the start but up to bridge would be difficult for disabled access, there are posts in the ground but not side rails, the boardwalk does not extend throughout to deter motorbikes. GRA are happy to promote the Trust on their notice board and in their reporting to Towans Partnership and Dynamic Dunescape. Directors asked why the higher level stewardship money is not in their accounts. RG stated as part of Natural England the £1,400 pa comes from DEFRA and goes to the parish council, the grant is paid for 10 years then reapplication is required, due to inflation it does not cover costs during the last few years. The Bees on the Green which was the first grant awarded by GGSCF are still on the green.

Recommendation: Directors noted the effort RG gives to the GRA and the stewardship grant was an EU grant. JM to advise GRA to submit a GGSCF application if stewardship grant runs out. NH proposed and JT seconded approval of £13,000 grant to cover replacement bridge and extended boardwalk and any additional costs incurred. **All directors were in favour.** *Conflict of interest JM vote abstention.*

9.3 Wall Village Hall Committee – Avril Woolcock at 8.00pm

Application for £13,800 for Vestry Roof Replacement. The vestry is at the rear part of the Methodist church building and deteriorating. David Symons in the preferred builder due to past works done and requires approx. 2 months' notice to commence works. The quote does not include internal redecoration which will cost approx. £500.

Recommendation: JT proposed and JM seconded approval of £14,300 to include £500 for redecoration. **All directors were in favour.** *Conflict of interest CW vote abstention.*

9.4 Friends of Connor Downs Academy - Helen James and Kevin Costello at 8.15pm

Application for £21,000 for play area. Outdoor PlayPeople were selected as they listened, gave ideas and designed the layout from the children's creations incorporating their equipment, their close locality reduced environment mileage, they recycle timber waste, safety surface is wet pore recycled rubber which can be repaired or replaced and has the longest safety time span. Existing play area is 15

years old and its timber will be recycled into planters. To keep costs down the school will be clearing the site, laying foundation and laying bark, actual cost is £24,000 using £3,000 from fundraising activities. Directors advised looking at the surface at Reawla park. Weather permitting the aim is have it completed in the Easter holidays. They promote GGSCF with plaques, in their newsletter, on their notice board and facebook, directors were invited to the opening. KC thanked GGSCF for their grants already received it has made a difference to everyone, the rainwater harvesting and solar panels are taught in every year group in environmental science lessons, during the pandemic children feel lonely and disconnected their aim is to have children mentally healthy in safe places.

Recommendations: Directors noted that the Rainwater Harvesting Project is going to be published in Churchtown Solar Farm owners sustainability report. JM proposed and JT seconded approval of the project total cost of £24,000. **All directors were in favour.**

10. **AOB.**

The chair asked for meeting venue preference. Directors preference was video conference due to ease of use and time commitment but are happy to use a combination of both.

11. **Next Meetings:**

AGM: 7 July 2021 at 7pm at Hall for Gwinear

Board Meeting: 7 July 2021 after AGM

The chairman thanked all those present for their attendance and the meeting closed at 21.10pm.

Signed Date