

## BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Board Meeting held Wednesday 26 June 2024 at the Hall for Gwinear

**Directors:** Cathy Woolcock (Chair), Jenny Tovey, Diana Hall, Rosemarie Norman, David Simmons and Jane Richards

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

**Apologies:** John Weedon

Item	Minute	Action
1.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> JT Gwithian Green Advisory group who have an association with Friends of the Towans. CW Gwinear School and connected person to Hayle Memory Café attendee.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> JT proposed and DH seconded the approval of the minutes of previous meeting held 7 February 2024 copies of which were circulated and were signed as a correct record. <b>All Directors were in favour.</b></p>	
3.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b> There were no matters arising.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Financial Update</b> Financial accounts to date were circulated prior to the meeting. Balance at bank confirmed at £65,80.45 with no restrictions. Church Farm invoice to be raised in July for £39,560.07. Directors discussed moving their business savings account to earn more interest secured at 6 monthly intervals. RN to organise research for the best options.</p>	RN
5.	<p><b>Administrators Report</b> <b>Directors received</b> the administrators report June 24.</p> <p><b>5.1 Solar Parks Update:</b> Schedule of Payments Agreement FiT RPI due Jul 24. From 1 April 2024 at 5.2%. Jul Invoice to be raised. For reference, figures are taken from the Ofgem website: <a href="#">Ofgem FiT Apr 24.</a></p> <p><b>5.2 Awarded Grants Update:</b></p> <p>5.2.1 Hall for Gwinear £15,000 match funding. End of Grant Form (EfG) received. On website.</p> <p>5.2.3 Hayle Memory Café Special Sessions £745.00. EfG form received. On website.</p> <p>5.2.4 Gwinear Solar Panels. £36,527.00 paid. End of Grant form awaited.</p> <p>5.2.5 CDRA Elizabeth Sampson Playing Field £16,400 paid. Contract sign off due autumn 25, Consultation Record received.</p> <p>5.2.6 Connor Downs EYFS Playground Provision. £11,900 paid. Outside not yet complete due to poor weather. EfG received. On website.</p>	

## GGSCF

- 5.2.7 Friends of Kehelland Playground Equipment £21,086. Completion put back to June 24 due to poor weather. EfG form awaited.
- 5.2.8 Friends of Towans, Towans Ranger £6,000. Paid 28.06.24. EfG form awaited.
- 5.2.9 Breakfast/Mid morning snack Busy Bodies. 23/24 £350. 24/25 £350 requested JT proposed and RN seconded grant of £400. **All Directors were in favour.**
- 5.2.10 Breaktime snack. Connor Downs Academy. 24/25 £1008. 24/25 £1,400 requested. DH proposed and JR seconded grant of £1400. 5xagreed. 1xabsention. **Approved.**
- 5.2.11 Breakfast/Mid morning snack. Gwinear School. £350 paid. Awaiting EfG form. DH proposed and JT seconded grant of £1100 based on child pro rata. 4xagreed. 1xabsention. *CWxabstained conflict of interest.* **Approved.**

## 6. Grant Applications

### 6.1 Friends of Towans Trust (FOTT), Towans Ranger– Peter Brinton and Dick Goodere at 18.30.

Application for Towans Ranger £63,000 over 3 years, £21,000 per annum. Awarded £6K in Feb 24. DG gave updates from the last meeting:

- 6.1.1 Contracted work not fully established: County managed role until 2010. Towans ranger has been in post since 2015 managed by Towans partnerships funded by Cornwall Wildlife Trust (CWT) who continue to manage Upton Towans SSSI. In 2021 FOTT took over the management of the role, in 2020 £20K grant from Dynamic Dunescape. Map distributed detailing landowners and caravan parks to show complexity of organising stakeholders to work together.
  - 6.1.2 Success criteria: Photos distributed of Gwithian Green improvements after introducing grazing; further work is needed for more constructive measurement; feedback forms are given to organised groups to help plan future events and activities.
  - 6.1.3 Ranger for 3 days a week for £21K with additional funds from FOTT. £25ph above minimum wage to reflect expertise and skills.
  - 6.1.4 Landowners signed up to countryside stewardship £370 can be claimed per school visit, it was noted schools cannot pay due to their funding crisis. Some landowners and holiday parks are contributing to FOTT. There are boundary issues with county, land is registered with a Rural Payments Agency (RPA).
- The meeting ended at 18.45.

#### **Recommendation:**

**Directors stated** GGSCF cannot directly fund improvements to land belonging to private individuals, the map clearly showed that this would be the case in many instances across the Towans. In addition there was a lack of information around which landowners have signed up to countryside stewardships which can generate income to help with funds. **Directors also noted** there are a lot of revenue avenues not explored and not all stakeholders are contributing, including CWT and some caravan parks. **Directors advised** contacting landowners and stakeholders with a vested interest to gain more information about their plans for stewardships and land management. **Directors stated** the FOTT have an important cause and recognise the extensive work FOTT and specifically DG have done in maintaining and managing the Towans. DS proposed and JR seconded if FOTT raise 80% of grant, directors will consider granting 20% of grant. 5xagreed. *JT abstained conflict of interest.* **Grant refused.**

### 6.2 Hayle Memory Café Activities - Christine Price at 18.45.

Application for £1,430 for Memory Café Activities. They meet twice a month with 40-60 people per meeting providing peer and carer support. There are many different activities including music stimulation, reminiscence, dance and crafts to take home. The meetings provide social interaction, sharing of coping techniques and building support friendships in between meetings. External trips are not organized due to expense and people prefer familiarity of visiting the same venue. There is a good supportive volunteer team who are able to signpost to other organisations to support people. Directors were invited to pop into a meeting at any time. The meeting ended at 18.59.

**Recommendation:**

**Directors were impressed** with the innovative activities, dedication of the volunteer team and recognized the valuable support of bringing carers together. DH proposed and JT seconded granting £3K and asked that they provide a details in the EfG form on what the funds have been spent on. 5xapproved. CWxabstained conflict of interest. **Grant approved.**

**6.3 Root Training CiC, Weekly Walking Groups - Tracey Opie at 19.00.**

Application for £15,931.65 over a 3 year period to support Weekly Walking Groups. Breakdown on costs £30ph x 52 weeks for 2 weekly walks including £15 for 1xhour walk and £15 for 1xhour travel to and from location supporting 15-17 people, 5 from primary area. It is a Community Interest Company (CiC) previously funded under Helston and Camborne who are no longer able to fund, other sources of funding are being pursued, Crowdfunding was previously successful. Root Training is a NHS support partner with the majority referred from social prescribers, GPs may identify patients do not have a medical condition, refer to social prescriber who are linked to surgery who find activities to suit their needs, it may be a short term, others may stay for years as part of a social aspect, the walk supports isolated people encouraging them to engage in a social activities. TO is H&S trained with England Athletics and Healthy Cornwall. The meeting ended at 19.15.

**Recommendation:**

**Directors recognized** the difficulty with no social prescribing funding. DS proposed and DH seconded grant of £1,500 for one year in support of primary area residents, the grant will not fund administration costs. **Directors requested** feedback in 12 months on: breakdown of costs; feedback from participants; how many people were supported; photographs. **All Directors were in favour. Grant part approved.**

7. **AOB**

**Directors requested** administrator reimbursement be discussed at the next meeting.

8. **Next Meetings at 5.30pm at the Hall for Gwinear:**

Board at 5 February 2025 and AGM at 2 July 25

The chairman thanked all those present for their attendance and the meeting closed at 20.00.

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