

Strandhill Community Development Association

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Minutes of Meeting 08th May 2017 in Attendance: Mick McEnroe, David McCoy, Neil Byrne, John Byrne, Michael Keane, Helen McCauley, Luke Saunders, Sinead McGuire, John Bartlett, Susan Tynan, Seamus McGoldrick, Paul Buchanan

Apologies: Neil Walton, Bernard Hayes,

Ratification of previous meeting were proposed by Sinead McG and seconded by John Bartlett

Matters Arising

Maritime Centre Update

MM outlined progress on the Maritime Centre thus far. Planning had been granted with conditions as outlined on the county council website. Principally the new centre had to comply with 'frosting' the windows which look out onto the Mj's site. Jbtt congratulated the Maritime Board on getting the project this far. MM then proceeded to explain that the maritime board had been successful in getting stage 1 funding for the project from Fáilte Ireland. Stage 1 being a feasibility study grant to proceed with a stage 2 application which could mean funding to the maximum of €700,000. Jbtt enquired as to the number of stages needed to proceed this was confirmed by MM at two - but additional funding would be required and this would come from other sources including possibly the Strandhill caravan park. LS asked as to whether outside fundraising would also be involved. Pb enquired as to a business plan, MM confirmed that a consultancy firm had been retained by the maritime board and that that plan would be contained therein and additional local fundraising would be required. The Maritime Board are awaiting on Failte Ireland to bring forth the second phase funding application. MM envisaged that the study would conclude in two months. ST enquired as to whether planning included provision for a retail space within the centre MM confirmed that no retail unit could be included in the plan but that other sources of income would be required that did not displace existing businesses. NB expressed concerns that guarantees on funding would be essential as Failte Ireland have let down the community in the past. MM confirmed that funding would be ring fenced and once stage 2 had been approved that funding could be drawn down. JB asked that the community not move from existing building until FA funding had been approved after stage 2 application. NB asked the community members on the maritime board be mandated to not move on building until funding is secured.

Campaigns

Smcg outlined the progress made on the dog fouling campaign with Scoil Asicus and the County Veterinarian and upcoming funding projects including a community capital project to bring additional funding to village. A sub-committee of MK, Smcgoldrick, JBTT and SmG was setup to bring this application on behalf of the village.

SMCG said that a motion had been brought to review the round-about at the village and general traffic calming measures including speed bumps and calming at the entrance to the Knocknarea walk. A general discussion ensued over general traffic management including the traffic lights at St Patrick's church as to their merit. Smc said there was a constant monitoring of traffic issues in the village. NB asked as to whether the lights on the seafront could be fixed also.

HMcC agreed to engage with Sheerins Landscaping to get a quote with the hope of beginning to clean up the plant boxes on the entrance to the village and at the roundabout outside the pharmacy.

Beach Rescue

Pb outlined the work that had been completed thus far on beach rescue. It was formed out of a sub-committee of Sligo Surf club and is manned by volunteers. It has the support of the RNLI, ISA and Sligo surf club and Sligo County Council as represented by Pete Murtagh. It has 8 land-based volunteers. The rescue team are there to assist in case someone gets into difficulty in the water some funding has been provided by Sligo Co CO- but more would be required. MM asked Pb to come back to the board with a request for an item of funding. PB was congratulated by the SCDA for all the hard work achieved and getting the rescue team started. PB committed to provide an update at subsequent meetings.

Scheduling of Meetings

ST asked that meetings be scheduled at prior meetings in order that planning to attend could be made easier. This was agreed and the next meeting was set for 20th June 2017.

AOB

SMCG mentioned that the Draft county development plan was on show in city hall if people wanted to look.

JB asked that a community meeting be held in the near future to discuss the New Maritime Building subsequent to FA funding approval to give a comprehensive update on what was envisaged for the centre. This was agreed.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.