

NAIRN IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD in THE LITTLE THEATRE NAIRN on 30 MARCH 2017 at 7.30 pm

Directors Present

Alastair Noble	Michael Barnett
Iain Fairweather	John Hart
Magnus Swanson	

Members Present 25 plus 27 proxies

1. The Chairman Alastair Noble welcomed those present and reported that a number of apologies had been received.
2. The Chairman Alastair Noble spoke to his Report that had been published on the website beforehand
3. The Chair of the Nairn Men's Shed gave a brief summary of their recent acquisition of premises at Nairn Station, and expressed thanks for the support that NICE had given in the attempt to acquire the Viewfield Stables; this had not succeeded because the funder approached had declined to support.
4. The Secretary Michael Barnett gave a brief report on the Town Centre project. A consultant Marion Francis had been engaged using funds from DTAS; she had engaged with many stakeholders & community representatives, and had participated in a consultation event organised by Highland Council, and then also an event organised by the NEI. She had delivered her final report and had recently led a community consultation around it. The Secretary said that the recommendation was that the community (NICE in particular) should drive the project forward, and two immediate priorities were to take the NEI's branding exercise further, and to establish a working group to decide what to do with the Old Social Work Building. Longer term projects could be to examine the feasibility of bringing cruise ship passengers across the Firth to shop & eat in Nairn, and to work on developing Nairn as a Cultural centre of excellence. Both should be taken forward by working groups.
5. Councillor Michael Green gave a presentation on the Harbour Project, outlining the various opportunities and progress on thinking to date.

6. Iain Bruce gave a presentation on the Nairn Grigor Lido proposal. HIE had funded an initial feasibility study, and the report confirmed the project was likely to be viable if suitable funding could be raised. He wanted to work with NICE on how the project could be structured.
7. Michael Boylan, the Chair of the ANB, gave a brief presentation about the BID project, and why he and NICE believed it presented a real opportunity for the community to work with the local businesses and at last make real changes to Nairn's fortunes.

The Chairman then moved to the formal AGM proceedings, and said that since the meeting was not quorate, his legal adviser had said that he must adjourn the meeting and reconvene it when a quorum could be established.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.30 pm

Michael Barnett
Secretary