**Minutes: TBI Online Admin Meeting: Mon 24 October 2022**

**Minute Taker: Sheila Currie**

**Present: Julian Paren (chair), Julie Gibson, Sheila Currie, Peter Moffatt, Anne Thomas,**

**Apologies: Alaine Macdonald, Martin Sherring, Rose Grant**

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| **Item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **Minutes from Previous meeting** | Approved |  |
| **Matters arising:** | \* Roots & Growth (JP): They seem dormant, but are free to promote their work via TBI at any time  \* Community Energy and Onshore Wind (SC): Complicated re scale, financing & income, fluidity of energy markets, not obvious where could be sited. May be more options for individual communities (benefits more visible, logistics simpler). May be worth looking at communities buying a stake in a larger array elsewhere? May be worth looking more at solar PV arrays than wind?  **Call for Energy Group can take forward - promote**.  \* Market flier (AT): Got a bit stuck with drafts and comments.  SC show to Lauren to see if any suggestions. AT ask Sylvie if she has capacity to do it for 2023. SC ask Lauren to send PT Cromarty market posters for website  **Convene Markets Group to sign off designs and agree printing.**  \* Raddery Wood (AT): Unsure if group has submitted an application. **AT to check**.  \* Active Travel Map (JP): 4th draft nearly completed.  \* Avoch to Fortrose Railway (JP and RG): PTA can apply to Iain Findlay Fund if they are properly constituted body. Suggest they contact funders to discuss.  \* FLS Black Isle Land Management Plan (JP): TBI response sent to FLS [follow up invite to meetings received 27 Oct]  \* Black Isle Gathering - Apple press and HCWP/TBI/Black Isle Men’s Shed table (PM) and (RG): Apple Press busy and well used. Other items covered in agenda. | **SC/AT**  **SC, AT**  **SC**  **MS**  **AT**  **RG** |
| **Items for Decision:** | | |
| **Consultations on John o’Groats Trail at Culbokie and letter of support** | **It was AGREED** TBI will write in support. **Put call for support in Newsletter**, encouraging readers to ask their Community Council to support JoG | **SC/AT** |
| **Highland Community Waste Partnership** | \* Huge thanks to RG for detailed and comprehensive report.  **Repair Cafe piece to Newsletter**.  \* We should ensure that Repair Cafe people take the lead on promoting and delivering the comms on Repair Cafe events, rather than it falling to TBI or HCWP.  \* Concerns about impacts of longterm staff absence. We got little support earleir from Keep Scotland Beautiful, but **it was AGREED that MS should contact KSB asking for some focused input, support and advice on this.** | **SC/AT**  **MS** |
| **Items for Discussion/Information:** | | |
| **Food & Growing** | \* Potato prices have gone up, so tattie day 2023 may have to put prices up.  \* Grow North running out of ideas and active members to run it. Books are still delivering real value. There is a need for community growing and/or back-garden growing, esp for those in social housing – promoting this may work best as peer-to-peer advice. There is funding potentially available to pay an organiser.  JG to discuss GN future with ‘team’ and then F&G group if necessary. F&G meeting to be called soon anyway…to include Tattie event planning. | **JG** |
| **Markets** | \* Local politics in N Kessock not helping deliver effective market organising.  \* Potential issue re Insurance for catering at Cromarty. **SC to try to resolve.** TBI has public liability insurance, which should include catering.  **Markets Group to discuss Insurance and post-covid issues (MT)** | **SC**  **MT** |
| **Avoch to Munlochy route** | \* Site visit held with Highland Council. Lizbeth Collie now employed by HC and involved. Concern WHO is actually leading the project: TBI and SUSTRANS want HC to do so, by HC backtracking. Need a written commitment from HC what they will deliver. **Write to HC asking for written commitment** | **??** |
| **Membership** | \* One new member, Emma Nightingale, approved.  \* There may be more coming, on the back of discount apple press hire for members. | **SC to add to member database** |
| **Treasurer’s Report** | \* Accounts are expected soon. |  |
| **Website** | \* Still not had a ‘draft skeleton’ from Plexus to populate and see how different sections function.  **RG & PM to take forward sticking points with Plexus** | **RG, PM** |
| **AGM Preparation** | Poss not be able to include a HCWP section – MT can advise.  Formal email to members with details, call for Trustees and active members; and reinvigoration of Energy, Food & Growing, Markets, Comms and Travel groups. | **JP?** |
| **Local Place Plan** | \* Groups consultation (incl TBI) will begin soon. **Members to be asked (newsletter, social media) what should be in our response.** | **SC/AT** |
| **Northwest 2045** | Excellent work – led and done by volunteers |  |
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| **AOCB:** | \* Future discussions/showing of films by TBI? Try to re-establish relations with Muir Hub. Possibly also Cromarty cinema.  \* North Kessock cycle underpass nearly completed, some re- routing needed. | **??** |
| **Dates of Next Meetings** | AGM on 18 November, next Trustees meeting 6 December (tbc) |  |