Minutes: TBI Online Admin Meeting: Wed 29 May 2024 Minute Taker: Julie Gibson

Present: Rose Grant (chair), Peter Moffatt, Anne Thomas, Julian Paren, Julie Gibson

**Apologies: Martin Sherring** 

Item	Discussion	Action
Minutes from Previous meeting	Approved	
tems for Decision:		
TBI Trustees and the Future - mitigating plan	Welcomed paper from MS, will follow suggestions with tighter timescales.  1. Direct contacts - individual trustees to contact names we already have as follows:  Mike Atkinson, Nigel Shopcot Penny/Jimmie Hepburn, Gwenda Diack Nick Underdown, Jo Mackenzie (trustee or comms) Andy Dorin Ben Leyshon Rebecca Rawlinson may have some suggestions, will let us know. AT or Rose to follow up if necessary.  Twofold question to be posed to above - would they be interested in being a trustee, and, if not, have they any suggestions for who might?	AT JG PM MS JP RG/AT As above
	2. Send a general email to 193 members eg how is their experience of being a member and informing will be ringing round to follow up. (Tel call will include mention- if relevant - of interest in being a trustee.)	RG, AT, PM
	Rose will send list allocation to Anne and Peter	RG
	Deadline for above 1, 2 - next meeting.	ALL
	3. Have a members meeting in September anyway, perhaps alongside Sept Repair Café? Thinking positive, revival of individual groups to involve members more. More discussion of this at next meeting after outcome of above.	
	Reviewed current individual trustees TBI position:  AT - happy to continue with newsletter but would like help, better with two.  - would like to take BIB forward, part of library of things.  - Avoch: Munlochy route continue with as relevant  - NK market oversee  - happy to take on role of Convenor as part of rotating chair: July - October at first, need time for grandchildren Nov -) Maybe Convenor again later.	AT
	<ul> <li>RG - happy to hand on Convenor role, summer hols would be challenging. Happy to hold fort until next meeting. AT will chair next meeting, both prepare agenda/papers etc. AT to send them out.  Envisages less hands on role as trustee after next AGM. But doesn't want to leave website update in current state.</li> <li>PM - happy to carry on as is. Would like help with website.</li> <li>JP/ JG - standing down as trustees at next AGM. Will need treasurer particularly. JG happy to continue as chair of F&amp;G group, but hoping a member of group will consider taking it on.</li> </ul>	RG/ AT

Black Isle Bicycles	See useful paper from AT for overview. Proposal two sites - one at Hillockhead (shed by Kenneth) other at Fortrose Leisure Centre (double sided shed for lockable storage on one side and other side covered bike rack for people to leave bikes at) Go ahead needed at moment for Ewan to do triage and, service the bikes. Then funding will be applied for. AT to cost MyTurn, will seek funding for that and capital cost of storage. Approval given.	AT
HCWP	Paper hadn't reached trustees. All going well. Rose forwarded paper to trustees after meeting.	
Black Isle Repair Café Coordinator	See draft advertthis was supported and approval given for advertisement for new Coordinator role. This will ease some of the pressure on current volunteers. Happy to agree to support the cost of the 11 month contractor role, understanding that it is BIRC's intention to fundraise to support it themselves and streamline the volunteers to better sustain it moving forward if possible. TBI will buffer any shortfalls that might arise, understanding that this is an experiment and key to future sustainability beyond HCWP. TBI really value their relationship and association with the work of the Black Isle Repair Cafe and agree with the importance of taking pressure off Christian, Gillian and the BIRC Steering Group to find a way to safeguard the future of the Repair cafe.	
Matters Arising from	previous Minutes not covered elsewhere:	
Website	Peter and Rose will have a separate conversation re how to recruit folk to help,with the website. Date TBA between them.  Lyn and Laura have done some work on the HCWP section of the website.	RG/ PM
Picture Copyright claim	Congratulations to Julian for holding his nerve, and identifying the difference between the two photos involved in the 'debacle'. All dealt with.	
SG Heating in Buildings Bill Consultation	Potential for an Energy Group - positive.	
Items for Discussion	⊥ n/Information:	
Food and Growing Group	Financial accounts for Potato Day provided. Another successful day. Since then an F&G meeting has taken place, review of PD with some tweaks identified for next year (assuming PD takes place); review of apple press (some minor improvements needed - eg new plastic large containers, Duncan will do these) and availability of AP at markets organised. Peter to organise open garden sessions over summer, sending out email. Penny suggested putting on one or two food sessionseg how to make sauerkraut (offered previously and popular)	РМ
Energy Group	Highland People's Power now Highland Renewable Energy Co AT involved with these. Waiting to hear what happens next.	
Market News	Noted that Sylvie regularly pays in money to TBI, but nothing has been received from Cromarty. Julian to contact new organiser and review. Sheila may also be able to help.	JP
Black Isle Repair Café	Want to understand their finances better, have a sense of income and outgoings. Janet Witheridge has been appointed as a treasurer. To work alongside new Coordinator which role is to be advertised over summer to be in place for September event.	

Avoch to Muniochy	Not much happening, waiting for Council to say they've done something. Thought design by Pell Frischman not good enough to take to farmers. Funding can't be carried forward and none guaranteed for this year so 'stalemate'. Meeting with landowners has not taken place; Sustrans in free fall, much funding cut, loss of staff. AT trying to chase up generally.	
Treasurer's Report	Healthy balance c £19417.71 One small bill outstanding £65. (Now paid 31/5/2024)	
HCWP	End of quarter accounts submitted, underspend. Contracts settled for Laura and Lyn. Update in due course.	
Local Place Plan	Been submitted to Council and in process of being registered with them. Controversy about governance - roles of HC, CCs and local leaders in taking Plan forward. Waiting for HC to propose and date for a meeting and who will attend. No paid staff to progress Plan. Nairn taking different tackinteresting to compare. Noted by PM that HC may decline to register the Plan because it does not conform.	SC/AT
Membership	No new members.	
AOCB:	PM organising open garden programme, over summer. Nothing formal, all types of gardens.	
Dates of Next Meetings	Thursday 18 July, 7.30; Wednesday 28 August 7.30	