



Strathmore Community Hub

Minutes of Board Meeting

27th April 2023, 5.30pm, Strathmore Community Hub

Attending: David Downie (Chair)
Alastair Gemmell (Trustee)
Johann Rennie (Trustee)
Mary Brown (Trustee)
Tracie Dick (Trustee)
Graeme Dawson (Hub Manager)

AGENDA

1. Apologies

- John Davies (Treasurer)

2. Minutes of the last meeting

- The previous minutes were all agreed

3. Finance update

- John will submit a financial update ASAP

4. Managers Report

- Income: April (actual) £1257 vs March (actual) £940
- Numbers: April (actual) 302 vs March (actual) 346
- WARM SPACE FINAL ROUNDUP: Meals served 795, Income £1719, 100% of £2780 budget spent
- New events since last month:
 - CAYAG Youth Dance for 8 weeks
 - SENSations, support group for parents of ASN children
 - Help! Drop-In Services, 1/month for 3 months
 - PKC Community Learning Team 1day/fortnight, rent to be paid upfront
- Events upcoming or in planning:
 - Coronation Craft Fair 7 May
 - The Happy Tattie community cooking classes run by PKC
 - Five Mile Feast one-off event promoting local good food
 - Cycle Repair Workshop, 2x evening events
 - Gannochy Trust Roadshow 24 May
 - Tracey Taylor Wellbeing classes x2
- Community Cinema likely cost of a single screening ~£125
- Green bin cost and paperwork submitted to PKC, expecting green bin soon
- New notice of rateable value received – £22600
- McKenna electricians have been in to put up outstanding wall lights & have fixed Jeff's faulty light

5. Warm Space Review and assessment

- Graeme summarised numbers, income and community benefits of both the warm space as a whole, and the soup lunches in particular, which have been the notable success from this. Graeme and Johann pointed to the mental health and social inclusion benefits to both the kitchen volunteers and lunch recipients.
- The board debated the issues we have encountered during the soup lunches and decided to take action to address these and also to continue the soup lunches beyond the official end date of end of April

6. New Initiatives – Library resources / sensory rooms

- Noted that a collaboration has just started between a community hub and Stirling Council to run a community library, so the offer of limited help from Culture PK as given at our meeting with them on 11 April has some room for manoeuvre. *ADDENDUM: This was clarified with a member of PKC during a conversation in the Hub on 28 April, that funding may be available to make some kind of more substantial library presence withing the SCH happen.*
- David Downie, David Carson and Graeme to set up a working group to investigate ways to take this further.
- There may be funds from Scotmid to equip a sensory room

7. Kitchen

- Graeme will apply for a food processor from the Scotmid £500 grant
- The board would welcome invitations from business owners to use the kitchen, and would consider all options, from occasional rental up to full-time kitchen hire
- Ask John if he would provide coffee machine training to interested parties – volunteers and trustees

8. Coronation event

- Expecting £150 from table bookings
- Menu accepted on a “suggested donation” basis
- David suggested use of Scotmid vouchers for raffle/tombola prizes

9. AOCB

- David noted the difficulties he has been experiencing with the SCH audit, for example proof of grants received. He will contact Alison Seggie from PKC to help with providing this proof.
- Invite Jo Itani to the next board meeting
- David is going to apply for the Scotmid micro-orchard grant, put the trees on the back wall of the Hub car park

10. Date of next meeting

- Agreed as Thursday 1st June 2023 5.30pm