

Meeting:	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF AVIEMORE & GLENMORE COMMUNITY TRUST		
Date:	28 November 2019	Time:	7.00pm to 8.30pm
Minutes prepared by:	Kirsty Bruce	Location:	Cairngorm Hotel, Aviemore
1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
A full attendee list was taken on arrival and all apologies given noted. Mike Gale (Chair), Duncan Swarbrick, Mike Dearman (Treasurer), Alex Ash (Project Manager) Kirsty Bruce			
2. WELCOME			
Mike Gale welcomed everyone to the meeting, he expressed the sadness of the Board at the death of fellow Director, Gary McLennan.			
3. RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS			
Kelley Hall stood down as a Director of AGCT with effect from 28th November 2019. The unexpected death of Gary McLennan resulted in a board vacancy. Nominations had been received on behalf of Hazel Pavitt and Rayna McAllister and by a show of hands both were duly elected to the Board.			
4. SPECIAL RESOLUTION: CHANGE TO ARTICLE 29 APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS			
Duncan Swarbrick explained the need to make a change to Article 29 in relation to the appointment of directors, that being it should be amended from “not less than six” to “not less than three”. The amendment to the articles was passed by a vote of 20 and 49 proxy votes. A member asked whether the Board had taken advice before amending the Articles. DS confirmed advice had been sought from Sandra Holmes of HIE and he had given it his legal opinion which was, it was advisable to reduce the minimum number of elected directors to ensure that the Trust met the criteria required to be recognised as a community body for the purpose of Community Right To Buy (CRTB). DS stated that AGCT were not planning to make a CRTB application for the simple reason that CRTB applies only to assets that are for sale and Cairngorm Mountain is not for sale. He added that the benefit to AGCT was being recognised as a compliant community right to body, means that AGCT are automatically eligible for asset transfer. Much discussion took place with regards to the validity of a compliance certificate issued by the Scottish Land Unit with the members continuing to question whether the AGCT Board had been operating in non-compliance of the articles when the board fell below the current minimum levels, with the passing of Gary MacLennan. Rory Dutton, Advisor with the Development Trust of Scotland, stated that in his opinion what AGCT had done was pragmatic and sensible. He added it would not raise eyebrows within DTAS who work very closely with Dave Thompson, Head of the Community Land Team, based in Edinburgh. Rayna McAllister said things could not change until an AGM had been held. She further said that guidance from Companies House was that Articles can be changed retrospectively at an AGM and that the Board have followed the process in the time allowed.			
6. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO 31 OCTOBER 2019			
The annual accounts to 31st October 2019 showing a balance of £4748 were presented by Mike Dearman to the membership. The accounts were approved, being proposed by Rayna McAllister and seconded by Mike Gale.			
7. SUBSCRIPTION FEES			
Mike Dearman advised that AGCT were required by the Articles to set a subscription. The Board recommended that this remain at zero for the coming year. Proposed by Rayna McAllister and seconded by Hazel Pavitt.			

8. MINTUES OF PREVIOUS AGM HELD ON 7th NOVEMBER 2018

Minutes of the 2018 AGM which had been circulated by email, were presented by Duncan Swarbrick. A member questioned the accuracy of the minutes, specifically item 7, paragraph 17 with regards to Corrie na Ciste uplift. AB added that the Directors at the time had agreed to widely consult with the snowsports community about their thoughts on what should happen.

Mike Dearman said that from AGCT's point of view the Trust had brought up the importance of the Ciste in meetings with HIE. He went on to say AGCT had consulted in an ad-hoc manner, although hadn't done a formal consultation on the Ciste nor on the Cas. MD advised that AGCT intend to feed into the master planning process, making sure that the community views are represented.

The Minutes were approved subject to a change to item 7.17 – *The Directors agreed to consult with the snowsports community with regards to uplift in Corrie na Ciste.* Minutes proposed by Duncan Swarbrick and seconded by Alex Ash.

9. UPDATE FROM PROJECT MANAGER

Alex Ash, Project Manager presented his report via slides shown on the screen which gave a summary of both engagement activity and project scoping carried out since June of this year.

AA added AGCT had extensive discussions with HIE and DTAS about amending the Articles. He went on to say that one area that is still being investigated is the extension of beyond the PH22 postcode area to include all the communities of Badenoch and Strathspey. He said the challenge with this is, that in order to be recognised as a community body AGCT would have to have 10% of the population or geographical area as members. He added this is an ongoing area of conversation between AGCT and HIE with advice from DTAS also being sought.

10. DIRECTORS REPORT

Mike Gale said that each director had given extensive voluntary time to the Trust during the past year, with some progress being made with HIE; namely the funding award for a project manager and admin roles. MG said that one the questions that AGCT get asked is "who are the community" it is to this end that MOU's have been developed and agreed with a number of constituted groups within the Aviemore and Glenmore area.

MG advised the membership, that the Board were feeling increasingly frustrated in their dealings with HIE and assured those present that they do hold HIE to account.

MG stated AGCT believe that FRG working group is useful but needs changing, it has been beneficial in that it has brought areas of the community together and allowed for closer working relationships. He stressed the importance to the community coming together to seek a positive future for Cairngorm, rather than being divided.

5. CLOSING REMARKS

Mike Gale invited questions and queries from the floor to which the Board replied to. Mike Gale thanked everyone for their time in attending the meeting and also thanked those who had returned their proxy votes. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

End of Minute