

Glendale Gateway Trust Full Board Meeting
Wednesday 25 August 2021

7pm at The Cheviot Centre

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Present: Patrick Sheard, Julian Bales, Sue Welch, David Hughes(via zoom), Sue Mitchell & Rachel Sinton

- 1 **Welcome & Apologies:** Amanda Worlock, Becci Murray, Cindy Wait, Siobhan Younger & Shirley Mills.
It was felt that perhaps August is not a good month for meetings as people are away and/or very busy. Perhaps the pattern of meetings should be revisited as there are so many new trustees.
A warm welcome to those who have made it – especially new staff member Sue who is settling in well.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest:** There were none.
- 3 **Membership applications:** There were none.
- 4 **Minutes from the previous meeting:** These were **agreed and signed.**
- 5 **Matters Arising:** a) Barclays pre-planning. No news yet – Gemma is chasing on a regular basis. David suggested going direct to Rob Murfin Director of planning at NCC.
b) CEO position – Three more interviews on 27 August.
- 6 **Finances:** Prior to the meeting trustees had received new documentation covering first quarter finances.
JB commented that there was nothing untoward in these numbers, with the likely outcome for unrestricted funds now slightly better than budget. DH asked if we had considered obtaining a current valuation of our assets.
JB responded that we hadn't and that our accountant saw no value in this.
There was a brief discussion on the use of designated funds and this will be continued more fully on line.
- 7 **Proposal:** Karl & Cindy are keen to invest in YH improvements and have three main ideas;
 - 1) Open a "food shack" in a shipping container in the grounds with a seating area on the roof. This would be located where the bike shed currently stands. This would be different to what is currently on offer in the town and could possibly be sub-let to other providers. They have sent in a pre-planning application and are waiting to hear.
 - 2) They would like to continue converting rooms to en-suite rather than having shared facilities. This would reduce the number of beds slightly.
 - 3) They would like to make their flat more self-contained so that they don't need to use the hostel kitchen for family cooking etc. If they were to move out in the future to separate accommodation the flat could possibly be let out as a self-catering unit.

They do not have the finances to do all of these works at the moment and although they are not asking for trust money would like the opinion of trustees. Cindy & Karl are applying to NCC for a Covid recovery grant which would cover up to 40% of costs – this will be time limited.
There was some discussion but general agreement that we should support these ideas. This will be discussed again when the projects have been more fully costed. Julian will report trustee thoughts back to Cindy & Karl.

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- 8 **Proposal:** To recruit a temporary staff post to deliver the Glendale local Food trail project.
Gemma has done a considerable amount of research on this and the idea of a food trail does not really appear to be feasible as there aren't enough venues that can be visited.
Julian suggested returning to the original idea of a food hub, possibly using the ground floor of Barclays. It was agreed that this would be a useful piece of work for Sue to take on. Firstly collating all the community ideas for the Barclays space and then investigating ideas of how a "food hub" might work.
GAS would be a possible source of good contacts.
- 9 **AOB:** Community conversations are being planned - In Barclays on 25 September and also in Milfield & Lowick on later dates. The idea is to engage with the community to find out what they would like to happen within the area as we emerge from the pandemic.
- 10 **Next Meetings:**
Policy Group: Monday 27 September – 2p at the Cheviot Centre
GGT Board: Wednesday 24 November – 7pm at the Cheviot Centre

The meeting closed at 8.15pm