

Glendale Gateway Trust board meeting  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
7pm at The Cheviot Centre

Present: Patrick Sheard, Frank Mansfield, Julian Bales, Anthony Murray, Rob Marriner, David Bull, Shirley Mill, Tom Johnston & Gemma Douglas.

Guest member: Joyce Robertson (Wooler Parish Council-member of the public)

1 **Apologies:** Patsy Healey

2 **Declarations of Interest:** Patrick – local accommodation provider.  
Rob – H&S consultant.

3 **Questions from guests/members & membership applications:** There were none

4 **Minutes of the previous meeting:** These were **agreed & signed.**

5 **Matters Arising:**

Information circulated prior to meeting.

1. FM-Proposed changes to articles re elected Trustees.

There are a number of substantive changes to be made.

If agreed at the AGM, the GGT will become an elected only body

2. Proposed changes to articles re audit requirements. TJ raised issue at last meeting, and it was proposed we move to have our accounts independently examined rather than audited. We therefore need to change our governing documents to adopt these changes.

PS: we will have information and background to these changes made available at the AGM

FM  
&  
PH

It was **agreed** we should remain at a quorum of 5.

TJ: query re item 13.1 in the articles- there is a degree of flexibility. FM, PH & PS to talk it through and establish a framework.

PS: Advice has been taken from the Charity Commission, and we are fine to make the changes.

It was **agreed** we take the changes in items 1 & 2 to the AGM.

FM/  
PH/  
PS

**7:04pm Bill Eugster joined the meeting**

6. **Finance Report**

**JB:** Information circulated prior to the meeting.

The audit of the accounts is underway, first draft has been received from accountants.

They will be ready within two weeks. Audit takes place this week.

There are no surprises re revenue, profit and loss. They are in- line with what we have previously said.

You will be asked to approve these within the next two weeks, before the AGM.

PS: told the meeting we are feeling the benefit of difficult decisions made in recent years.

TJ: the budget was very accurate.

7 **Update from CEO:**

Information circulated prior to the meeting.

This is a confusing time for broad funding opportunities with Borderlands and UK Shared Prosperity. We need to try to understand and seize opportunities that are out there.

PS: it is a changing landscape, and it is important we remain connected and network with some of the opportunities out there, for example we should invite the newly elected Mayor of Combined North of Tyne Authority up to Glendale. It's important we fly the flag for Wooler and Glendale, and make our voice heard.

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PS: we should involve DB in our discussions with the Mayor.

TJ: attended the CAN Spring Conference at which there was an emphasis on housing for older people which was thought provoking.

There are mixed views on it- some strong views that housing shouldn't be segregated but should instead be integrated with young people.

PS: the numbers reported on impact and trends on our ageing population are quite heavily accentuated for North Northumberland

8 **PREPARATIONS FOR 2019 AGM Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm :**

PS: felt it would be useful to have a theme. As well as the usual statutory items, he would like to have a forward thinking meeting. To focus on the continuing health of the High Street.

There will be a light buffet and a display downstairs, followed by the meeting upstairs. He asked everyone to encourage GGT members to attend

GD: almost ready to go live with the visitwooler site, but she would like the GGT site to go live for the AGM too.

PS: website to be shown on large screen.

**7:40pm Joyce Robertson left the meeting**

9 **Opportunities and PR Actions:**

TJ: seize opportunity with Mayor

GD: website promotion

FM: Barclays Bank

BE: Farmer's Market- it is building in strength. Is now the time to have a stall to promote the GGT? An opportunity to promote the new visitwooler.org website.

PS: has asked SM & BE to research how we engage with the community. So far there has been some good thinking

10 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM:**

11. **Next Meetings:**

**Policy Group: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2pm**

**GGT AGM: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 7pm**

Meeting Closed 8.11pm