

Kirkcolm Community Trust

Minutes Trust EGM :- 16th January 2020

In attendance

Over 30 Community members attended and with 15 Trust members in the room the meeting was quorate

Ian Leaver from Development Trust Association Scotland (DTAS) attended as did [REDACTED] represented Dumfries and Galloway Council

Councillor [REDACTED] also was in attendance .

Apologies - Creetown Initiative

Agenda Item 1 Administrative matters

Approval of signing of a new copy of the Constitution as adopted on 22/11/2018

Proposed by [REDACTED] Seconded by [REDACTED] (Trust members)

Accepted Unanimously by a show of hands and signed by two Trust Board members

Agenda Item 2 Future of the Hall.

1) A presentation was made by [REDACTED] Chairman of the Trust

This showed

- The Hall is now breaking even as compared with a 90% loss when the Trust took over
- 2 Professionals (a surveyor and an Architect/Surveyor) have inspected the Hall and recommended a complete rebuild, minor repairs not guaranteeing a long term future
- Cost of repairs to meet current legislation requirements on issues such as disability access are significantly more than double what was originally anticipated
- Nearly 90% of the activities in the Hall relate to less than 20 people
- Most groups prefer the supper room but this does not have disabled access
- The judgement of the Trust endorsed by both DTAS and Creetown Initiative is that the costs are now beyond that which any donor is like to consider feasible to fund.
- The fabric of the Hall is continuing to deteriorate
- It is considered therefore with deep regret that the Trust cannot continue the process of the Community Asset Transfer on the Hall

2) A presentation by the Council's representative outlined the policy of the Council which includes that they do not wish to hand over properties which are in fact a liability to the community rather than an a Asset

3) A contribution by the DTAS representative endorsed the above comments and added that the funding situation has changed significantly in the last 6 months

4) The Chairman confirmed the Trust's intent continue with the Community Asset Transfer of the Village Car Park and pursue the purchase of the Village shop in order to ensure that the Village still has a viable meeting place as this will be significantly cheaper to buy and to run .

5) No dissenting voices were heard

The meeting closed.