The work of the directors supports the environmental, social and economic wellbeing of the community of Alyth

Minutes for Meeting of Directors: 9.3.2020
7:00 pm to 9;00 pm at the Lossett Inn

1. Standing items/compliance

a. Attendees/guests *All present, Tam Thomson attending*
b. Minutes from last meeting *approved* Chair
c. Financial reports DW
With one community grant as yet unpaid, we have just under £800 available in unrestricted funds and approximately £26k to be expended in our strategic fund.
d. Comms report: any questions? KC
KC thanked for preparing such useful information on our communication activity

2. For discussion/decision/update

a. Q and A with invited guest Andrea Holbrook re Micromastery proposal as part of our strategic granting. *This grant was unanimously approved after an informative discussion with Andrea and a grant letter will be issued when she comes back to us with dates for pilot, research activities, and interim reports. We will be "learning as we go" on this grant which is our first strategic funding grant to a local entrepreneur starting something new. We are all particularly excited about the possibilities that micromastery classes have for preventing or helping with social isolation.*
b. Jubilee Park: Project leadership and what next? *Agreed that leadership of this project is the essential and missing element. KC will write up a brief invitation for a community conversation that we will host in the spring or summer. This will be designed to sketch out some possibilities for the park as a community project that involves partners such as Alyth in Bloom, and that may help educate or address issues around climate change and food provision. We will produce some sample ideas and hope to get a conversation going with people in the community to a) refine these ideas b)see what the community wants and is willing to work on and c) identify a project leader if possible. This may overlap with some of our strategic work on food and on climate change and resilience.*
c. Climate Challenge events and progress CS
CS has done extensive work on potential speakers following our successful grant application to the Climate Challenge Fund, part of Keep Scotland Beautiful. We are planning an event in April with a speaker, involvement of the Eco kids here in Alyth, and full participation if possible from the board of ADT. We would hope to convene several groups around town that would be

interested in learning more about climate literacy and how we can take immediate and longer term action. (NB: following the meeting CS was successful in securing a Climate Reality Speaker) Details will be sent to directors and they will be active in inviting and attending.

d. Climate community leadership training course CS
There are two types of training on offer for this from Keep Scotland Beautiful: train the trainers and how to be a community activist on this subject. CS to communicate to them that we are interested in both and will come back with details about where and when.

e. Our engagement with national planning. Please review this previously circulated link before the discussion.
https://www.ruralnetwork.scot/news-and-events/news/take-part-early-engagement-national-planning-framework
Agreed that everyone will take a look at this and get comments or contributions to RYWT by Monday, 16 March, and she will coordinate our response.

f. Commonty of Alyth Hill SM/KC
NB: this is a complicated issue and attached to this agenda is a legal brief on these matters. *We agreed to keep a watching brief on this, a local person has sought legal advice regarding access to the paths on the hill and at present we are not required to have a formal point of view, although in future we may be asked for our view.*

g. Community Hub project update KC/CS
Response to this class has been strong but attendance varies. Overall it has proven to be a good thing to do, and in future if we do this type of training we may review the format.

h. Flooding support audit update RYWT
For the next meeting, a summary of all support organisations and resilience plans already in place will be circulated. End goal is to have public information regularly pushed out to the public so that our community is more effective in the face of flooding and to ensure that damage (physical, emotional and social) is minimized in whatever ways are possible.

i. News from the community all

3. **Wrap up and commitments/actions** *As Tam Thomson was leaving the meeting he urged the directors to continue to take a leadership role in the community, and to plan ambitiously where possible.*

4. **Date and Times of Next Meetings** *We are now reverting to the first Monday of the month, and the next meeting will be 6 April 2020 at 7 pm at the Losset Inn.*

Prepared by RYWT 10.iii.2020