

(2) PINWHERRY & PINMORE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
Public meeting held on 21st June 2012 in Pinwherry Community Centre

28 residents signed attendance record.

Elected South Ayrshire Councillors Clark, McDowall, Oattes

Ian Wylie & George Wren - Austin-Smith:Lord - Project Manager

David Bett - Bett Associates – Carrick Tourism Development Project.

Chairperson: Colette McGarva, South Ayrshire Council Community Engagement Officer

Minutes: Claire Pirrie, Secretary, PPCDA

1. Record of attendance was taken.
2. Chair introduced speakers and asked for any more entries for the name competition to be handed in.
3. Chair introduced David Bett of Bett Associates who are undertaking the Carrick Tourism project for Carrick Community Council Forum (CCCF). David outlined the project involving the development of a Carrick brand / logo / strap line and Carrick tourism hubs with “Carrick Characters” as attractions for visitors. Opinions and ideas are sought from all Carrick residents.
A resident raised an objection to this item on the agenda as he “expected to be discussing Pinwherry school”. Claire explained the committee felt this item fitted with the agenda in looking at a vision for the future of the community and a centre that will rely on some income from visitors. Attendees gave feedback on the examples of advertising material. Chair thanked Bett Associates for their presentation.
4. In the absence of PPCDA’s Chair, who was unwell, Claire Pirrie outlined the current position of PPCDA, the current committee members, the companies appointed as project managers and solicitors, the urgent need to recruit more committee members willing to hold officers’ posts and the need for supporters willing to undertake tasks associated with the project.
Resident asked why this was necessary and what had happened to previous work done towards The Stinchar Valley Centre. Claire repeated that the committee did not intend to revisit history at this time as it has been previously publicised and she would answer any such questions individually during the coffee break. Previous work done on funding and feasibility can be updated and used again.
Councillor McDowall spoke in support of the proposals for moving the project forward.
5. Chair invited representatives of local organisations to speak in support of the project:
 - Pinwherry Community Association – Ramsay Dunlop
 - Pinwherry Community Council – Roger Pirrie
 - Scottish Women’s Rural Institute – Jean Wylie
 - Highland Dancing Class – Morag Campbell
6. Chair invited attendees to have refreshments and during this time to use the post-its to make suggestions in answer to the following questions:
 - what facilities should be available
 - how to generate income
 - how to increase use of the hall
 - what events would you like to see organised
 - any other thoughts

7. Councillors Clark and Oattes spoke in support of the project.
8. Chair invited Claire to explain the competition for a name for the new facility. All entries were on display anonymously and only Claire (who had not entered) knew who the entrants were. Attendees voted by a show of hands for each entry and the winning name was “The 2 Pins Centre” from Grace Dunlop, who won the £25 prize.
9. Chair asked for a show of hands in support of the project and a resident questioned the need but another agreed it should be taken as opinions might have changed. 21 of the 26 people present raised their hands in support.
10. Chair invited questions for any of the committee or Austin-Smith: Lord representatives.
 - i) What site is proposed?
 - A. The original railway siding site.
 - ii) Why not the old garage site?
 - A. Because of the cost of decontamination and the lack of space for car parking.
 - iii) Where will funding come from?
 - A. As before we will approach Leader, Hadyard Hill and Carrick Futures.
 - iv) Will South Ayrshire Council provide funding?
 - A. Councillor McDowall said if there is funding available SAC will support the project. If the community had taken over the school transitional funding would have been available from SAC. Chair mentioned the Funding Bulletin sent out by SAC and said that she can provide support in completing funding applications.
 - v) Can any of the previous work be used?
 - A. Yes the grant applications and feasibility studies previously undertaken will be updated and resubmitted.
 - vi) Can money be sought from Mark Hill and Arecleoch wind farms?
 - A. Carrick Futures is the company set up to distribute money from these wind farms.
11. Chair reminded attendees as they left there were sheets to sign up as committee members or supporters.
12. Chairperson announced the date of the next meeting would be an Extraordinary General Meeting on Thursday 5th July at 7.30pm in Pinwherry Hall. This meeting will elect officers and plan the next steps.
13. Any other business:

Pinwherry War Memorial is being removed from Pinwherry school due to the deterioration of the building and the poor security. The Pinmore Church Trust and the Coltman family would be very happy to install the memorial in Pinmore Church if residents agree. The majority of those present agreed to this proposal pending more information on the security and insurance of the Church. Mrs Wyllie will obtain this information.

Chair thanked everyone for attending.