

Hall meeting – SCIO options 25/1/2021 at 7:30pm - minutes

Present: Jack Marris (JM), Saara Viitanen (SV), Kirsten Mackie (KM) and Sean Kilbride (SK)

Minutes taken by SV

JM pointed out that this meeting was set to figure out tasks to do and steps to take to present the idea of creating a new SCIO to the community clearly.

The reasons for creating a new SCIO to replace the current Hall organisation include e.g.:

- Better accountability to community
- Individuals would not be financially liable
- More funding opportunities available due to gaining a charitable status back

A SCIO can be single or two tier.

Single tier SCIO	Two tier SCIO
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simple organisational structure• Less admin• No membership – not accountable to any wider body• More financial liabilities on the board of directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership – reluctance from community to become a member of another organisation?• Members have right to vote on special resolutions and board members• More admin• Annual General Meetings compulsory• Funders see as a more accountable organisational structure• No individuals are financially liable

All agreed that all in all, a two tier SCIO would be a better option.

JM said that next steps from here need to be worked out with solicitors. The consensus from legal professionals consulted so far is that the easiest option is to wind up the current organisation, create a new SCIO and transfer assets.

Some may ask why the organisation cannot just stay as is. There are two main reasons for change: limited funding opportunities and trouble finding Trustees who are willing to take on financial liability.

Trustees

SK raised that it needs to be clarified if the constitution gives the committee the powers to wind up the organisation and transfer the assets without the Trustees' permission. If not, the constitution will need to be amended to give the committee those powers. SCVO needs

to be consulted about if there is a quorum of Trustees needed to get permission to do any of this. SK also pointed out that the committee needs to find out if there are enough Trustees, as per the constitution.

Communications

All agreed that a Facebook post would be put out w/b 8th Feb 2021 on the Hall page to advertise the date of the AGM, give information about the plans and ask for feedback about the general idea of a new SCIO. It was agreed that posters would also put out on notice boards around Applecross w/b 8th Feb (KM and SV to make). All agreed that a physical newsletter with more information about the plans and a voting slip should go out to all resident households 2 weeks before the AGM.

Information gathering

SV to make a start on a list of assets and liabilities. This will affect solicitor's fees.

A list of any official subcommittees and the committee's obligations to them is also needed. It was agreed to leave this for now.

JM to call OSCR and ask what steps they would recommend in this situation, and if they need anything from the committee before winding up the charity and transferring assets (old accounts/bank statements?).

KM and SV to start drafting SCIO constitution with SCVO's template.

SV to circulate these minutes to the rest of the committee.

The next SCIO meeting is scheduled for 1st February 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom.