

Steinmeyer Legacy Committee Meeting

Monday 20th November 2017

Dundurn Hall, Comrie Parish Church

1. **Attending** - Committee members attending: Gillian Brock, Joyce Carnegie, Joan Carmichael, Lynne Douglas, Mary Gavin, Ken Heiser, Gordon McCartney, Andrew Reid, Dr Phil Tipping.

2. **Apologies** - Barbara Stewart.

3. **Committee Officers** - The following were elected as officers of Legacy Committee:

Chair: Andrew Reid Proposed by Joyce Carnegie Seconded by Gordon McCartney

Vice Chair: Phil Tipping Proposed by Gillian Brock seconded Mary Gavin

Secretary: Joyce Carnegie Proposed by Gillian Brock Seconded by Gordon McCartney

Treasurer: Lynne Douglas Proposed by Gordon McCartney Seconded by Joyce Carnegie

4. **Terms of Will**

George Carson Senior approached Joan Carmichael to help him set up meetings with locals of similar age as Heinrich Steinmeyer would like to meet them. They visited Cameron Court - he was very impressed and expressed the wish to make things easier and let older people enjoy things in the village.

Gillian asked why CDT received the money - Andrew Reid was Secretary of CDT and it was given to them to ring fence for the village as they were a Registered Charity.

“After my passing my full wealth and all my property shall be given to the Comrie Development Trust which is a listed Charity. My house shall be sold to the highest price, and so shall my car, an Audi 176 and my furniture.....Herewith, I would like to express my gratitude to the people of Scotland for their kindness and generosity that I experienced in Scotland during my imprisonment of war and hereafter. My bequest is only intended for the people of Scotland, elderly people.” 457,180 euros- £384,000

Heinrich had been in Caithness, Fife and Dumfriesshire, and the question had therefore been raised about whether the legacy money was for the whole of Scotland. A BBC Radio Scotland interview and clarified the matter, with Heinrich Steinmeyer speaking in German alongside an English translation. Heinrich Steinmeyer had said: “Everything I owned will be sold and given to the people of Comrie because the Scots treated me as a human being.” (BBC Radio Scotland 20.03.17 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08hptzg>)

At Heinrich’s request, his ashes were scattered on top of Ben Halton by the Strathearn Ramblers. Ken explained that there had been £350 left to the Strathearn Ramblers through George Carson, to hold a wake at Cultybraggan Camp. This had been carried out and a tree and a plaque placed at the entrance to the camp.

5. Legacy proposals - Community vote - The results and Issues were discussed.

Andrew had compiled and circulated a list with the proposals and the amount of votes received and the percentages each proposal received.

Joan suggested a building in St Kessog's Square: men's shed, meeting room, craft room, kitchen and toilets. Lynne suggested the White Church opposite had all those facilities. Joyce as leader of social places had looked at this area it was only a meeting place with perhaps a toilet that had been suggested. She also suggested it was a conflict of interest with the Rural hall as craft classes, afternoon meetings and setting up bowling tables and perhaps sports equipment were planned for the Rural hall after improvement works.

Phil asked Joyce what the plans were for the Rural Hall? Joyce gave him a leaflet , 500 had been distributed around the village informing the community of the plans to make the hall DDA compliant and alleviate the barriers at the moment causing restrictions for the elderly, the less able and wheelchair users by installing all abilities access and toilets, widening doors , installing double glazed windows, an efficient heating system and insulation throughout. This will allow the hall to be used as a Community Hall by future generations. There is a proposal that if the SWI receive funding from the Legacy the hall can be renamed the Steinmeyer Rural Hall, and this would give Heinrich's family a lasting memorial to him.

Phil had had meetings with Shona Fowler from the Healthy Communities Group, which is helping set up Men's Sheds and the men themselves decide where they want their shed to be.

Gill said the people she had spoken with just wanted to get down the village.

Mary expressed the view that there are social issues and a befriending service would be an advantage.

Andrew agreed that the amount of votes to get people to the village tie-in with getting information and advice available and a meeting space.

Leigh Doy, Citizen Advice Bureau and Social Work all have people willing to give this advice and information.

Phil suggested we have a trial period with Co Co bus and see what and where people want to do in the village before erecting another building as a meeting place.

Andrew suggested there be a charge/fare for this transport and the need to know how well it is used.

6A. Finance:£384,000 had been deposited into a restricted Triodos bank account by CDT.

There have been some costs printing etc but there would also be some interest added. Lynne will make enquiries with Judy McDowell, Interim Committee Treasurer, and Bob Hughes, CDT Treasurer.

Dr. Phil Tipping will be second signatory.

Lynne will check out what Police checks etc. are required for signatories.

6B. CDT Annual Report and Accounts- Legacy section

CDT hold responsibility for the account and receive copies of minutes from legacy meetings. Sub committees put in a report to their annual accounts. There is a cost to the legacy for CDT work in relation to financial management and audit. The 2016/17 report was submitted earlier by Andrew.

6C. Donation It had been suggested that the Committee might wish to make we a donation to the Parish Church for the use of its premises for Interim Committee meetings. This had not been mentioned throughout the time that the Interim Committee had been meeting there, and it was therefore not felt to be an appropriate use of the legacy.

7. Legal Status of Committee

At present the Legacy Committee is a sub committee of Comrie Development Trust.

It was agreed that work should be carried out to establish the Legacy Committee as an independent committee. This has been discussed previously and an information chart comparing the different legal models had been circulated. Andrew will send a copy to each Committee member to read with a decision to be at a later meeting. If an independent body is established, CDT could then transfer the legacy fund to the bank account of that legal organisation.

8. Committee work

Ken Heiser and Gillian Brock will work with Neill Aitken for transport, if he is willing to continue involvement in that work.

Ken will continue to work on the issue of loop systems at the White Church.

A list of Committee members contact details to be circulated to each member.

9. Next steps

It was agreed that there was an urgent need for the Committee to establish formal procedures for its meetings and decision-making about funding. Andrew will complete an application format and circulate for comments before the next meeting.

10. AOCB Mary asked about Commemorative Plaques. Although this question did not get a lot of votes it is felt that there will be plaques at particular places i.e. Rural Hall, St Kessog's Square but not on every legacy funded item.

11.Date of next meeting: Monday 4th December 2017 7.00 pm at Comrie Medical Centre.