

Hallbankgate hub ltd.

Minutes of extraordinary meeting 25th April 3.0 pm at Wood House

Those Present:

John Foster, Rose Foster, Duncan Sperry, Sue Consterdine, Janet Lambert, Edna Eagleton, Steve Bowles

Apologies:

Linda Harmer-Jones, Robin Murray

Minutes of last meeting

Consideration of these was deferred to the next pre-arranged meeting.

Feedback on the bid to Scotmid

John and Steve reported on the bid process that took place in Edinburgh on 24th April. We had been listened to politely but we were some considerable distance apart, John Brodie (Scotmid CEO) had suggested we might consider leasing the premises; we had previously been told this was not an option. Robin had submitted notes in which he examined increasing a bid to £40k which he thought may be successful. These two options were discussed.

Leasing option: Duncan proposed, seconded by Edna, that this was not an option worth pursuing.

Votes: For 6, against 0, abstentions 1. The vote was carried and we will notify Scotmid that we do not wish to lease the premises.

Increasing bid. It was confirmed that any bid should include the track and preferably also the outbuildings.

Rose proposed, seconded by John, that we table a bid of £40k to include track and outbuildings.

Votes: For 2, against 5. The vote was therefore lost and we will not increase our bid to £40k.

Alternative provision

It was decided that we should examine urgently what provisions could be put in place for temporary facilities. Steve would write to Greenside estates to ask about the siting of a portakabin or similar structure.

Next meeting Monday 4th May. 7.30 in the village Hall.