



New Findhorn Association



MINUTES – NFA COUNCIL MEETING

June 21st 2016 – Youth Building

Present: David, Marilyn (facilitators), Dürten, John, Jamie, Rowan, Annie.

Apologies: Ned, Laurence, Sam. **Minutes:** Vivien; **Time:** 10:15-12:15pm,

Next Business meeting: Tuesday 5th July 2016 (Facilitators: David, John)

REPORTS:

Marilyn: attended Hinterland and Trustees meetings. Reported on CCC meeting as link person.

John: Attended Spiral Dynamics meeting and is following up on further information.

David & Dürten: involved in variety of meetings – Community Change Working Group (CCWG); Park Ecovillage Trust (PET) and Affordable Housing; Family Support Group. Also met with a number of individual NFA members. A Newcomers' meeting folder has been compiled as a result of inspiration from the last Newcomers' brunch table meeting. Met with Big Sky to discuss RB printing prices. Skype call with Robert Gillman. In process of reviewing database progress with Katharina.

Jamie: with Rowan is editing the Common Ground RB articles. He is researching Spiral Dynamics. Is involved with the ongoing Sociocratic process at East Whins - workshop circle.

Rowan: With Tobias has been preparing for the last Minding Gap film show on 25th June 4 pm. Common Ground writing in cooperation with Jamie, for which she has received encouraging feedback.

AGENDA:

BQM: Dave Till is available to introduce SPLASH. Agreed.

Newcomers' Brunch & Next meeting: David will join Newcomers' table and an invitation was extended for others to join. Also invitation to all, including Newcomers', to participate in Brunch cooking. Subgroup to arrange next meeting (Marilyn, Annie, Ned, Dürten).

Guinea Fowl: David gave feedback on the THA meeting re: Guinea Fowl.

GEN Reps: NFA received invitation to GEN conference for three funded places – Dorota Owen, Vera Franco, and Tobias Ellingsen will represent NFA and will bring feedback.

July Community Meeting 4th July: Ariane for Zero Waste project (approved by Gather-in process) would like time to introduce the project. Approved. A subgroup was created to structure meeting and allocate time for this. (Dürten, David, Annie).

Artist's Pot – Proposal Request for the proposal to be submitted in writing before next meeting, for more consideration. Agreed.

Role of Council – Proposal

Clarifying questions round. Reaction round. The proposal was re-presented with amendments, but when asked for paramount objections, two were accepted as valid, these being queries about the clarity of the wording. There was a request for the amended proposal to be sent round in written form, having checked against the constitutional wording, and time allowed for thorough consideration. Consented. David to do.

CCWG Report (Dürten): met last week. Group has now extended to Dürten, David, Adele, Francine, Anna, Jan Nowell and Beth Dunlop. They are meeting tomorrow to look at job description to apportion roles. Anna is out of the country for the next 3 months, but is available on Skype and has taken on role of Synthesizer. Group building work and any time line creation next. Intention to meet weekly. David and Dürten will meet together before meetings to prepare.

Phone box: phone box outside Phoenix hasn't been working for months; query about lack of usage and budget responsibility held by NFA. Question - between Holiday Park, FF and NFA – do we want to retain emergency call possibility (phone box) or retire it into an alternative creative usage? David and Dürten will explore financial side further and come back with proposal. Invitation to add anything into that exploration by e-mail.

AOB –Summer dates Barbeque to be confirmed.; NFA Sharing (29th July).

CLOSING ROUND