

NOTE OF MEETING – 19th February 2025

Present: Fiona McKenzie (Chair) Suzie Chow Rich Grieveson for Eddie Fraser Rev. David Cameron Billy Bowie Colin Blair Rev. David Cameron Lynne McNiven Craig Hume Lillian Jones MP Councillor Barry Douglas	Apologies: Angela Cox Eddie Fraser Peter Telfer Chris McMail Councillor Douglas Reid
In Attendance: Karen Purves, Norman Gill	

No.	Item	Board Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions Fiona welcomed those in attendance and noted apologies. Fiona welcomed Suzie Chow, Divisional Commander for Ayrshire to the meeting.	
	Actions Arising: N/A	N/A
2.	Update on activity since 4th September Fiona spoke of the delays that have been incurred as a result of the UK Government election, as most towns did not submit their plans on time and as civil servants work through a revised prospectus for the LTPT which is awaited. Fiona noted that the delays have been frustrating as Kilmarnock's plan was submitted on time. A timeline of action since submission was presented. Fiona noted that she has written to the UK Government to understand the alignment of Kilmarnock's plan to the new manifesto. It was noted that Kilmarnock's plans are held in high regard and officers were impressed with the level of engagement and the will and determination of those involved. Fiona has asked if Kilmarnock given its readiness can be considered a test for change by the UK Government and we await an answer. It was noted that we do not wish to tread water. A progress update was provided and it was noted that we are continuing with activity as follows:	

	<p>Extending community consultation</p> <p>Establishing the youth alliance and safe spaces</p> <p>Working to address anti-social behaviour issues by working with businesses in the town</p> <p>Working to create an experiential train which will provide support to those suffering from dementia as well as other groups</p> <p>Arranging a second Kilmarnock Fair Festival</p>	
	Actions Arising: N/A	N/A
3.	<p>Options for progress</p> <p>NG presented 3 options for the Board to consider in terms of how WMKK could look to progress in FY 25/26:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Progress with the £200k 'capacity funding' for the financial year 25/26, with further funding becoming available during April 2026 B) Seek UK Govt agreement for Kilmarnock to become a 'test of change' bringing forward funding C) Ask EAC to agree to provide up front funding for year one activity with agreement this will be repaid in coming year(s). <p>The Board AGREED support for pursuing options B (preference) & C and noted the backstop position at option A.</p>	
	Actions Arising: FMk / NG to pursue conversations with UK Govt and EAC	FMk / NG
4.	<p>Revised WMK Entity Proposal</p> <p>The Board discussed a revised WMK entity model which included consideration of a CIC.</p> <p>It was AGREED that further information be circulated on the benefits and disbenefits of different entity models and circulated to the group prior to any preference being agreed.</p>	
	Actions Arising: NG to circulate further information.	NG
5.	<p>Live Projects</p> <p>NG updated the Board on live projects and those intended to continue into 25/26.</p>	
	<p>Actions Arising:</p> <p>NG to consider cost plan and amount afforded to anti-social behaviour issues.</p>	NG
6.	<p>Financials</p> <p>NG presented financials to date. Board members were keen to see an evaluation of spend and consider value for money. Comms was highlighted as particularly important and a PR strategy should be investigated</p>	

	Actions Arising: Once revised prospectus is live consider evaluation mechanisms Consider PR requirements	KP/ NG NG
7.	AOCB None	
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	Meeting Actions Summary FMk / NG to pursue conversations with UK Govt and EAC re funding being brought forwards NG to circulate further information on entity models NG to consider cost plan and amount afforded to anti-social behaviour issues. NG / KP Once revised prospectus is live consider evaluation mechanisms NG Consider PR requirements	
	Date of Next Meeting: TBC	

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