

New Galloway Community Enterprises Ltd Management Committee Meeting Minutes

2 pm Tuesday 11th September 2018 at Drumcreel

Present: Mike Brown (Chair), Dave Briggs, Jean Marsden, Jon Nimmo, Christine Rankin, Dawn Spernagel, Joan Walker.

Apologies: Margaret Watson.

Emma Curtis was absent due to her declared interest in NDH Joinery & Design.

Attending: Helen Keron.

MB explained that this meeting was for the sole purpose of reviewing the revised quotes for the kitchen in Unit 2 and awarding a contract.

HK explained the two quotes and why the situation had arisen.

Quote 1 from Howdens: Quote 2 bespoke units from NDH Joinery & Design (Nathan Harnett).

There was considerable discussion as there was very little difference in price between the 2 quotes and both could meet the time scale for fitting on the week beginning 23rdSept. Concerns from some Board members were that the bespoke units would possibly require more maintenance with a painted finish and that the Howdens' doors would have greater durability. Another factor considered was that the bespoke units could be whatever colour was required, the others were only available in certain colours.

MB reminded members that the original vision of the project was to support local businesses and new start-ups and he proposed that the Board accept the quote from NDH Joinery and Design as a local company establishing itself and which had already completed the refitting of the shop.

It was agreed to accept the submitted comments from MW who was absent.

A vote was taken and there were 4 votes in favour and 4 against. As per the Rules, the Chair had a casting vote which was made in favour of awarding the contract to NDH Joinery & Design.

It was agreed that there should be a proviso that there would be a maintenance guarantee of the same length as would have been the case from Howdens, there would be no extra costs unless the specification was changed by NGCE and that the job would be finished on time.

MB concluded by saying that he hoped that although there had been a split vote the Board would be able to work together positively throughout the remainder of the project.

[Later: on the advice of the contractors, Luce Bay, based on the timing of sub-contractor work, the start time was moved to the week of 1st October with completion by October 14th. The signed contract includes the provisos listed above.]