


# TOWN HALL 21.09.23

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>21.09.23</b>	
<b>Present</b>	Emily H, Rachel R, Sam, Tom, Fran, Carl, Nicolai, Rachel +1, Sophie C, Gemma, Su, Jordan	
<b>Scribe</b>	Rachel, Fran	
<b>Facilitator</b>	Emily	
<b>Check in</b>		
<b>Review today's agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Directorship quest / summary / updates (Fran?)</b></li> <li>• <b>Location update</b></li> <li>• <b>Group question collecting</b></li> <li>• <b>Group question break-out rooms</b></li> <li>• <b>Group feedback</b></li> <li>• <b>Active APs / new projects (note - membership sales prep?)</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Directorship stuff</b>	<p>CB has directors! There has been a process recently about new directors. We are seeking new director(s). Please contact the northernregional email or one of the current directors (Tom A, Sam, Fran, Iona, Emily) for a chat about the role if you are willing to take this on.</p> <p>Info:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the role of the director? Should be as minimal as possible as long as nothing bad is happening. Ideally directors do almost nothing. Enable the burn by doing taxes and keeping a company.</li> <li>Recommended term? C 2 years?</li> <li>Only really matters (beyond taxes) if a crime is committed – then we do need responsible directors who are willing to handle it.</li> <li>Rewarding – learn a lot and help community</li> <li>Questions?</li> </ol>	<p><b>Do you fancy being a Director?</b> Fran, Emily and Iona will be resigning, Tom and Sam are happy to remain. It would be great to have at least 1 additional Director. Ideal is an odd number.</p> <p><b>If you would like to do this please get in touch with any of us or email <a href="mailto:northernregionaltd@gmail.com">northernregionaltd@gmail.com</a></b></p>

<p><b>Location Search update</b></p>	<p><b>Alternative sites considered</b></p> <p> <b>Initial site list</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Researched but not options: Kypeside, Laurieston Hall</li> <li>• Researched by Laura Bennet and awaiting update: Lady Hall Farm (On shore front. Laura Bennet in contact with owners daughter), <a href="#">Ernsapie House</a> (hotel but has lots of land)</li> <li>• Yet to be researched beyond info on website: <a href="#">Comrie Croft</a>, <a href="#">Allanton Peace Sanctuary</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Knockengorroch</a> site (further info on spreadsheet) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Land owned by a woman named Liz and her husband who live on site. Does not host festivals other than the Knockengorroch festival (space for up to 3000). In the past hosted a Rainbow Gathering in 1997. Sounded almost apologetic when saying that they would have to charge for the use of the land but did not have a number in mind for our size</li> <li>○ Pros - Lots of space, burning things would be allowed, potentially lower cost than Marthorn, 2 miles from nearest neighbors</li> <li>○ Cons - Not much infrastructure. Two compost toilets, loghouse and longhouse on site and one custom built stage? May require us to have events license</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Tom has used a site in the Lake District that may be an option if this outside Scotland is considered</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Site visit to Knockengorroch, within the next couple weeks, potentially on 07/10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sam Lee and ? (Allan, Jordan and Richard had volunteered previously for site visits)</li> <li>○ Video to be taken to be shared with community</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Tom to contact Laura Bennet to determine further info on sites she has looked into</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Location search discussion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st November as latest date for membership sales</li> <li>• Marthorn will need notice soon as to whether we want to continue to use their site</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No possibility to expand at Marthorn</li> <li>• If we can lower site costs, could we make more art happen? Also will have budget for more infrastructure</li> <li>• If we move to a low infrastructure site with less cost, we will need storage space, value in asking sites if long term storage would be an option</li> <li>• Tom shared experience with using mobile sauna and hot tub at previous event in Lake District.</li> </ul>	
<b>QUESTION TIME (community burning questions)</b>		
	<p>How to make decision between sites after gathering of all info</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggested viral approach to ensuring as much of community as possible to respond to a survey on sites I.e. those involved in Town Hall responsible to contact as many people they know from community, and to encourage them to spread word to others</li> <li>• Query around a system to choose between sites as though political parties (i.e. sites campaigned for and more participation in process, optimizing of satisfaction in final choice)</li> </ul> <p>Discussion around optimal amount of growth (pros/cons of expansion and when to limit)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• idea to encourage people to make new events after we reach a desired limit</li> <li>• If using a site with less infrastructure it will be especially important to communicate to new members the importance of being involved in co-creation of the event</li> </ul>	
	<p>Discussion around tools/apps for communication for Celtic Burn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent Loomio AP on this cited</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conclusion of AP was no change, but consensus that strong opinions abound and no option makes everyone happy</li> <li>• Importance of publicizing important decisions/discussion across platforms</li> </ul>	
<b>ACTIVE APs</b>		
	Celts '24 Site decision	
<b>NEW DREAMS/IDEAS/TASKS</b>		
<b>WRAP UP</b>		
<b>Date &amp; Time next meeting + facilitator</b>	Was not discussed, but plan for furthered decision process around sites after actions on sites taken over the next couple weeks (by October 7th)	