DUNBLANE-LIKHUBULA PARTNERSHIP

Committee Meeting – Wednesday, 28th June 2023 at 6 Pistolmakers Row, Doune

Present: Christine Patterson (chair), Fraser Boyd (minutes), Neil Kitching, Paul Christmas, Jenni Barr, Sheila MacLeod, Ivor Butchart.

Also in attendance: Kay Kitching & Ruth Butchart

Apologies: Janine Mitchell, Ann Hale

MINUTES

1. Presentation  
   Jenni led a discussion explaining much of her and Janine’s recent trip to Likhubula with extensive detail about meetings, encounters and discoveries.
2. Action points  
   Following the successful joint committee meeting during Jenni and Janine’s visit, a number of action points were agreed between the two committees. These are appended below for the Dunblane committee to take forward at its future meetings beginning in September 2023.
   1. A letter will be drawn up to send to the secondary schools which bursars are attending, explaining the reasons for the urgency of reports on bursars being provided to the committee in Dunblane.
   2. Communication to the Likhubula committee around deferral of places at college.
3. Financial report
   1. The accounts had been earlier circulated to the committee in February but have now been audited by Peter Gouw. The committee was unanimous in its approval of the audited accounts.
   2. Neil is enquiring about moving the Partnership to becoming a SCIO, meaning we would not have to do two sets of accounts. SCIO status would retain the legal protections to trustees but the one set of accounts would only need audited by a non-professional accountant. Neil will be attending a workshop about this next week.
   3. A request had been received for Aubrey Makaula’s fees. A financial report had been received from Likhubula just this afternoon and Ian will go through this. Unfortunately, money that had been transferered to Malawi quite far in advance had been spent on other items, through genuine misunderstanding. Ian proposed that we send 325,000 kwacha now to allow fees to be paid in July. This was agreed unanimously.
   4. Ian will look to review the financial report from Likhubula received on 28th June and plan the new school bursary financial plans.
4. Fundraising and publicity
   1. At the next meeting in August, we will make a plan to publicise and fundraise for the partnership in the 2023/24 session.
   2. Christine is awaiting a reply from Dunblane Cathedral regarding a table talk in the autumn.
   3. Jenni has made plans to start talking about and presenting the partnership at coffee mornings hosted by Bridge of Allan Parish Church.
5. Date of next meeting  
   Monday 14th August followed by Monday 25th September and Monday 6th November.