

Minutes of DBDCDT Board meeting Number 12

6th November 2023,
at CIC, Lagmhor, Little Dunkeld.

Present: Norman Grieve (**NG**) (Chair), Beth Taylor (**BT**), Jan Silburn (**JS**) Kathy Burns (**KB**), Lachlan McEwan (**LM**), Jane Bremner (**JB**) (Minutes),

Also - Peter Guthrie (**PG**)

Phone: Stuart Paton (**SP**)

Apologies: Craig Ross (**CR**), Cat Gordon (**CG**),

Peter Guthrie manages e-commerce websites and has been involved in building Community websites. He went through the different possibilities for a website to be used by the Trust. In summary of his very useful presentation there are three different routes we could take.

We could:

- Set up our own independent website. The Trust would have full control of the content and design. One factor to consider would be how broad an audience this would attract.
- Use an existing Website – namely The Bridge. Although at the present time the current website does need updating, there is a widespread, ready-made audience.
- Develop a combination of the two above. This would be our own independent website that fed into The Bridge. This too may have a smaller audience than The Bridge, as it would require visitors to click into our link from their website.

There was a discussion about the pros and cons of each. It was agreed that the trustees would explore the websites of different local Trusts, such as Aberfeldy and Pitlochry with the intention of making a decision about which one to choose before the next Trustees Meeting.

Matters arising from Minutes.

The Minutes of the Board meeting on 02/10/23 were proposed by **NG**, seconded by **CB**. They were approved.

Housing group

It was agreed that **JB** will be the Trustee linking the Housing Group with the Board.

Care Group.

The Care Group are still in the process of applying for joint funding from Community Investment Fund and PKC. **NG** to continue discussion with John Gilruth regarding MoU. **Action**
It was agreed that **JS** will act as the link between the Trust and the Care Group.

Station Action Group (STAG).

Community representatives met with John Swinney, Transport Scotland, Network Rail and Scotrail on 23rd October 2023. The group will be meeting every fortnight in order to push things forward. They are still waiting for John Swinney's consultation about access to the site.

Finance

NG to organize the changeover of signatures from **CR** to **JB** with the bank. **Action**
SP circulated the application for funding from the Gannochy Trust to all trustees for comment. The application has now been submitted and an acknowledgement has been received. Gannochy Trust will require information about how the money from the last grant has been spent. **SP** will do this.

The application for the PKC CLLD is in progress. This is a rolling application and there are no deadlines.

The Financial Report for the AGM on 21st November is in progress (**SP**). A forecast for next year will also be available and will include ways to overcome any shortfall, if any, to pay for the Community Connector through the first half of 2024. **Action SP**

Paths Group The main emphasis of this group is to ensure the replacement of the bridges across the Braan that were washed away during the recent floods.

Craft Collective

KB sent an email to everybody explaining why she and her partners were no longer able to continue with this project. Thanks were given to all of them for the great work that they had done so far. There is a possibility that Helen O'Brian may keep going with this project and **KB** will pass on all the information to her. The funding for feasibility studies has been promised and this could be carried forward.

Local Place Plan

NG told the committee that it was difficult to move forward with the Local Place Plan without the data from the Big Place Conversation. PKC had promised to provide preliminary information, but it was not clear when this will happen. **JS** to make enquiries with PKC.

Community Connector

BT provided the update of her work done in October (attached to minutes). There was very little time to discuss this and it was agreed that in future this should be a priority of Trustee meetings. **BT** is organizing a site visit to Tomintoul Trust, which has a completed Affordable Housing project.

AGM (21st November 2023)

All members have been notified/invited. It was agreed that people could become members at the door – application forms to be available.

A discussion was had about what would happen if the quorum was not reached. Another meeting would have to be arranged quickly. A possibility is that members could join in the meeting by Zoom. **BT** will look into this. Posters could be put up the week before the meeting and members could be sent a further email to encourage them to attend.

A number of people have indicated that they would be interested in becoming trustees. An extra meeting on 13th November will be set up for present trustees to meet these possible candidates.

AOB

The meeting ended at 21.20 pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday 4th December 2023 7pm