Minutes of DBDCDT Board meeting Number 28
3rd February 2025,
CIC, Lagmhor, Little Dunkeld 19:00

Present: Jan Silburn (Interim Chair) (**JS**) Jane Bremner (minutes) (**JB**); Anne Cameron (**AC**); John Gilruth (**JG**); Lachlan McEwan (**LM**), Stuart Paton (**SP**); Beth Taylor (**BT**)

Apologies: Kirsty Binnie (**KiB**), Roseanna Preston-Jones (**RPJ)**,

Minutes
Minutes from 6th January 2025 were accepted. Proposed by **SP** and seconded by **JG**

Actions Arising from Minutes:
All trustee present have read the constitution.

Representatives of the Dalguise, Amulree and Butterstone village halls were sent invitations for this trustee meetings.

Finance
SP circulated January 25's accounts to all trustees. We are on-budget.
Awaiting payment for Care Group from PKC. This should be cleared in the next few days.

Repair Café have been using the new Sum-Up machine and are very happy with it.

We are awaiting the outcome from the outstanding grant applications from the Robertson Trust and SSE.

Some concern was expressed regarding the number of rejected applications from Griffin. A constructive discussion was had regarding how Griffin could give money to the surrounding communities.. **SP/BT** to put forward a discussion document **Action**

LM said that all the grants that had been given were listed in the Griffin website. **SP** was unable to find them so **LM** said he would show him where to find them. **Action**

This discussion will be continued at a further meeting

Development Officer Report
BT sent all trustees he monthly report for January 2025.
She is persuing the possibility of the Trust applying for an asset transfer for the existing public toilets in the North car Park. Aberfeldy Trust are keen to work with us. It will be possible to obtain the financial information from PKC via a Freedom of Information application.
Kat Gordon (PKC) has indicated that she would be happy to liase. BT is in touch with the Community Ownership Committee.

There was a discussion regarding possible grants for coordinated signage in D&B. Paths and Nature group are interested in this.

Liz Sutton from the Dunkeld and Birnam Archive has asked for ideas about how to make the archive sustainable.
These topics will be explored further at a future meeting.

Sustainable Tourism Conference is booked for October 15th 2025 at the Birnam Arts.

Care Group
This is on target and recruitment of volunteers is going well. 3 people in the community have become befrienders and are being matched with people who need their help.

Eilidh is doing well in her management course.

JG still in discussion with PKC about a possible joint Home-care Project with Kinloch Rannoch. This will require the employment of a project manager and a business manager. These should be in post be October 25.
Unfortunately, the planned meeting with the PKC has had to be postponed twice – but should take place in the near future.

Station
LM reported that construction on the platform has started and should be finished by May 25.

Artisan Village
No change. Trust to show continuing support for this project.

Bank Building
SP/SP/JS attended an open tour. The bank space consists of 3 rooms and a corridor and the asking price is offers over £80,000. This could be a good space for a community working space and/or a Tourist information office. However the timescale may prohibit the Trust applying for a grant in order to purchase this. Suggestions from the trustees were considered and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Community Bus
No update. PKC have suggested that this could be a phased project and they will make more information available.

Housing
Meeting with Community Housing Action Group (CHAG) took place on Thursday 9th Jan.
SP/JS/BT attended with Gillian McEwan, Kim Forsyth and Sonja Wallace from the CHAG.
The CHAG would like to work as an independent group. The Trust are happy to support them. Beth offered to give them all the information she has regarding DTAS and other groups involved with community housing.

Local Place Plan
The survey is now closed. 130 responses were received.
Unfortunately there was no response from the 16-35 year cohort.

Library
No update

Trustees of Trust
LM made a request to step down from his position on the trustee board as a representative of the Community Council (stated as a requirement in the Constitution) and stand as a trustee in his own right.
The CC want to send another member to take over the role left by LM.
The trustees present had a discussion regarding whether having 2 members of the CC attending Trust meetings was difficult.

Following this discussion LM intimated his resignation from the Trust.

The rest of the trustees present expressed regret at his announcement and stated that they had full confidence in LM and were thankful for all the work he has done for the Trust.

LM left the meeting. JS will send him an email asking him to reconsider his decision. The rest of the trustee board will be informed of LM's decision.

Meeting ended at 20.45

Next meeting: 3rd March 2025, at CIC, Lagmhor, Little Dunkeld. 19:00