

Minutes of DBDCDT Board meeting Number 30

5th May 2025,
CIC, Lagmhor, Little Dunkeld 19:00

Present: Jan Silburn (Interim Chair) (**JS**) John Gilruth (**JG**), Beth Taylor (minutes) (**BT**), Stuart Paton (**SP**), James Jarvis (**JJ**)

Reps from DBCC – Scott Robertson (**SR**) and Mike Wolfe (**MW**)

Rep from Energy Group – John Ferguson (**JF**)

Apologies: Jane Bremner (**JB**), Roseanna Preston-Jones (**RPJ**),

Minutes

Minutes from 7th April 2025 were accepted. Proposed by **SP** and seconded by **JS**

Actions Arising from Minutes:

Representatives of the Dalguise, Amulree and Butterstone village halls were sent invitations for this trustee meetings. Nobody was available to attend today. NB Email address for Butterstone Village Hall has been updated.

All trustees present were asked if they had a conflict of interest for any of the subjects to be covered in this meeting. None were put forward.

Community Minibus Update – JS and BT attended an online workshop on 30th April to hear more about this scheme for transfer of minibuses from PKC to community groups. At present, we do not have sufficient funding or community input to take this initiative forward. There was recognition that we still have a regular bus service and transport for patients at the surgery. If this changes, we will revisit the potential to take on a minibus ourselves.

Energy Group Update – JF gave a brief overview of the situation to date and asked if DBDCDT would give the group mandate to continue. Trustees agreed that the Energy Group could come under the umbrella of the Trust but cautioned that transparency and co-creative process must be ensured. Next Step: An initial paper outlining the project and timeline will be submitted to Trustees and calls for community engagement will be made – **Action JF**.

Response to ADT and Wind Farms – Discussion with DBCC Reps regarding best process for community engagement to ensure majority view. JS agreed she will contact LES, but we will not engage with Muirhall at present, (which is aligned with the DBCC approach at present) **Action – JS** will respond to ADT to agree to an initial fact-finding meeting with ADT and Local Energy Scotland.

Development Officer Contract – BT has signed the updated contract which was drawn up following advice from DTAS. A PDF scan of this has been stored on the GDrive.

Resignation by Trustee, Anne Cameron – Anne has stepped down from her role as Trustee for DBDCDT. We would like to thank Anne for all her hard work and contribution to the Trust and wish her all the best. Discussion regarding Anne's role as signatory for PVG checks. **Action – JG** will ask if Anne is willing to continue with this responsibility.

Finance - SP has circulated the financial report for April. See attached. The budget for DBDCDT has been restated to include CIF funding received for the WRAP project. Outstanding issues – we are waiting for Gannochy Year 2 funding to be paid. We haven't had commitment yet from SSE (they clarified today the bid will be considered at the 6th June meeting). The accounts for 2024 are currently being audited, prior to submission to OSCR in September.

Development Officer report - BT has circulated her report for March / April. See attached.

New Trustee Co-opted – James Jarvis was co-opted by JG and SP.

Care Group report - **JG** reported that the Care Group goes from strength to strength, with 11 cases now on the books and 3 Befrienders signed up. Discussion followed regarding ongoing funding of the project.

Local Place Plan (LPP) The formal 28-day notice period has now ended, no comments were received from neighbouring CCs or Community Councillors. The LPP will now be submitted to PKC Planning Department. **Action – BT** to send this off this week.

The main issues highlighted by the LPP were housing and parking. SR and MW offered to take the issue of parking back to DBCC for further consideration. **Action – MW** to raise this issue at the next DBCC meeting. **Action – SP** will resend traffic mitigation report from previous DBCC to both groups.

Housing- discussion regarding the meeting held with representatives from Atholl Estates on 14th April (meeting at the request of AE). DBDCDT will allow the planning process to run its course in relation to AE's proposed development at Haughend. AE stated that they would be willing to work with DBDCDT. JS spoke with representatives from CHG to ask if they would consider working with DBDCDT to pursue affordable housing, they have agreed to this, and a date will be set for a meeting in the near future. **Action – SP** to resend DBDCDT Housing Report. Discussion followed upon LDP3 and PKC's 'Call for Sites'. **Action – JS** will request more information regarding this process. **Action – JJ** will share map of possible sites for housing development.

AOB

Action – BT to contact Alex Kettles to arrange a meeting to discuss possibility of becoming a Trustee.

Action – JS to speak to Stewart Pritchard regarding becoming a Trustee.

Meeting ended at 21:10

Date of next meeting: 2nd June 2025 at CIC, Lagmhor, Little Dunkeld. 19:00