Minutes of DBDCDT Board meeting Number 27
6th January 2025,
CIC, Lagmhor, Little Dunkeld 19:00

Present: Jan Silburn (Interim Chair) (**JS**) Kirsty Binnie (**KiB**); Jane Bremner (minutes) (**JB**); Anne Cameron (**AC**); John Gilruth (**JG**); Lachlan McEwan (**LM**), Stuart Paton (**SP**); Beth Taylor (**BT**) Lorna Tripney **(LP)** (Dalguise representative)

Apologies: Roseanna Preston-Jones (**RPJ)**,

Minutes
Minutes from 2nd December 2024 were accepted. Proposed by **JS** and seconded by **JG**

Actions Arising from Minutes:
All trustee to read constitution before next meeting on 3rd February. **Action – all Trustees**

Representatives of the Dalguise, Amulree and Butterstone village halls were sent invitations for this trustee meetings. **Lorna Tripney (LP)** was welcomed from Dalguise.

Finance
Final Accounts from 2024 and proposed budget for 2025 were sent to all trustees.
5% increase to **BT**'s hourly rate was agreed. Wording of contract may have to be altered regarding number of working days. **JG** and **SP** to discuss. **Action**
Final Accounts were agreed.
Proposed budget was discussed and agreed following the reduction of contribution from Trust to The Bridge £500 to £250. It was appreciated that The Bridge need to draw in funds from groups that can afford it as the magazine is an excellent asset for the community. It was agreed that £250 was a suitable amount.
Application to the Robertson Trust for £10,000 has been made (**SP**) for additional grant – no reply as yet.
Application to SSE will also be made.

Development Officer Report
BT sent all trustees he monthly report for December 2024.
She has visited the Community Trust in Findhorn and gained some interesting ideas regarding our own Trust. A suggestion of having a paid parking port for Camper Vans was discussed. This gives an income to the Findhorn Community Trust of about £50,000. Suitable ground would need to be identified.
A suggestion has been made for Trust to apply for an asset transfer for the existing public toilets in the North car Park.

These issues will be discussed in depth at a future meeting.

Informal Meeting of Development Trust and Atholl Estate
Meeting on 6th January 2025
2pm-3.30pm

Attendees:
Trust- Jan Silburn, Jane Bremner, Stuart Paton, Beth Taylor
Atholl Estate- Claire Spencer-Churchill, Andrew Bruce Wootton

Key points

1. Estate keen to understand role of Trust, main aims and objectives. ABW referred back a number of times to CAP and asked specific question about progress. Estate keen to work with and support Trust where possible. General discussion around key concerns including parking, Telford Bridge, Braan bridge, pressures on housing and effect of tourism, impact of Care Group. Both Claire and Andrew seemed to have good understanding of key issues. Also aware of LPP and LDP process (although seemed unaware of LPP process in detail).

2. Estate said that looking to develop further units at Cally for range of uses. Would value Trust input if know of potential users.

3. possible areas of cooperation included
- parking- possible sites for parking could be Ardnagag and field below saw mill although acknowledged that parking probably more useful on Birnam side of river
- possible motorhome site although again said this may be better on Birnam side of river. Andrew also stated a number of issues with running a compsite
- renewable energy projects. Possibly solar on Ardnagag or field below saw mill. Estate developing solar at Ballinluig.
- working to influence council on LPP issues

4. Housing.
General discussions on challenges of developing affordable housing, costs of upkeep of older properties (cf Estate houses), pressures of second homes and short terms lets.
Andrew suggested Estate could work with Trust if the Trust gets to the point of owning properties (as the Estate manages a lot of properties).
Claire reaffirmed that the Estate will not progress Haughend outwith LDP process.

Care Group
This is on target and recruitment of volunteers is going well.
JG 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.
There will be a meeting in January.

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

Bank Building
No further information. SP has sent another letter.

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) to take place. CHAG have requested a meeting on Thursday 9th Jan. Email sent today to say that this would be possible.

Local Place Plan
93 responses for the survey. Extension until March for the presentation of this.
JS and **BT** asked for volunteers to help with the recording of the data when needed. The results and comments will be made public before it is submitted to PKC. **Action JS** and **BT**

Library
A further letter has been sent to the PKC.

Membership
JB has agreed to take on responsibility of membership list.

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