

Minutes of DBDCDT Board Meeting No. 8

3rd July 2023

7pm Torwood, Dunkeld

Present: Norman Grieve (NG - Chair), Jane Bremner (JB – Minutes), Kathy Burns (KB), Nicola Herbertson (NH), Garth Ponsonby (GP), Lachlan MacEwan (LM), Jan Silburn (JS), Beth Taylor (BT),

Apologies: Stuart Paton (SP Treasurer), Craig Ross (CR)

Minutes of previous Board Meeting 7th June 2023

Proposed by **JS** and seconded by **KB**. Approved.

Matters arising from the Minutes

- The Volunteer Policy, following minor changes, is ready for approval. (**NG**)
- A proforma for Risk Assessment for volunteer work outside normal business activity forms part of the policy.
- The inclusion of different groups on the Trust's insurance policy remains problematic. Other Trust's have approached this in different ways – for example Blairgowrie Path Group have taken out their own insurance. **BT** to meet with Pamela Barnes who is the Membership Officer for Development Trust of Scotland for guidance about this.
- An article regarding activity of the Trust was published in the July issue of The Bridge.

Financial Report (**SP**)

Due to underspending on the Community Fayre, the Trust is £400 below budget expenditure at present.

Community Connector activity (**BT**)

A report for June is provided by **BT** (see Addendum)

Points discussed:

The DTAS annual Conference is taking place on 29th & 30th August - **BT** would like to attend this.

She encouraged other people in the group to join the various on-line meetings to attend. **JB** has asked if she can be registered.

Station Action Group (**STAG**)

NH and **GP** gave an overview of the work and future plans for the Station Action Group. There are 2 major projects:

1. Renovation and use of station building for community projects. This would need widespread support from the community. The building is no longer operational and Network rail has no current plans.
2. Changes to the platform to make it safer for passengers. The platform is still operational and is therefore the responsibility of Network Rail (and ScotRail). Funds do seem to be available for this.

NH outlined a number of suggestions for the building's usage after it has been restored:

- Active Tourist Centre
- Community meeting space
- Museum
- Café
- Affordable housing

She asked for any other ideas to be forwarded to her.

It was proposed that the STAG become associated with the Trust. NG volunteered to be Trustee focal point for the STAG. **NG** and **NH** to write an MoU for endorsement by the Board. All present supported these proposals.

Local Development Plan and the big Place Conversation

There followed an open discussion chaired by KB on the content of the Trust input to the Big Place Conversation – to be reported separately.

Next Meeting: Monday 31st July 2023 6-9pm Torwood House

Dates for diary - 25th September – Trust Open Night

21st November - AGM

Addendum

Community Connector-Beth Taylor

Update for June 2023

Tasks completed this month:

- Set up for Community Fayre & Ceilidh on 2nd June.
- Attendance and organisation throughout day for Community Fayre on 3rd June.
- Organisation and administration of Trustee meeting on 5th June 2023.

- Meetings with D&B First Responders on 5th and 27th June 2023 plus admin and follow up.
- Networking, Support & Administration provided to Servite, Path & Nature Group, Lunch Club, D&B Climate Café, D&B Repair Café, D&B In Bloom, D&B First Responders, Men's Shed, D&B Archives and NTS Path Development ventures.
- Organisation and attendance at Daytrip to St Andrews on 6th June 2023.
- Attendance at online 'Exploring my Leadership' training with Social Enterprise Academy on 12th & 13th June 2023. Delivered in conjunction with National Lottery.
- Preparation and attendance at Housing Network Meeting on 13th June 2023 and follow up.
- Attendance at Community Ownership Support Service (COSS) online training 'Business Planning and C.A.T.' on 15th June 2023.
- Attendance and follow up from presentation as part of 'Exploring My Leadership' training by Craig Dunn from Knoydart Foundation on 21st June 2023.
- Preparation and attendance at meeting with Lindsay McManaman from PKC on 22nd June 2023.
- Preparation and attendance at meeting with Cat Gordon from PKC on 22nd June 2023.
- Attendance and administration relating to meeting with Station Action Group (Nikki Herbertson) and Norman Grieve on 22nd June 2023.
- Attendance and follow up from Perthshire Stronger Communities meeting on 27th June 2023.
- Attendance and follow up from meeting with Atholl Estates on 29th June 2023.
- General administration and preparation of minutes, documents, forms etc. for DBDCDT, Housing, Care and Dunkeld Craft Collective groups.
- Ongoing planning and preparation for Lunch Club outings.

Funding Update:

- An application to CLLD is underway.
- Community Investment Fund is opening again soon with a deadline of 18th August. Drop in event on 3rd August 4 to 6pm at the Community Education office for support with this.