

Minutes of DBDCDT Board meeting Number 11

2nd October 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),
Apologies: Craig Ross (**CR**), Stuart Paton (**SP**), Cat Gordon (**CG**),

The Minutes of the Board meeting on 04/09/23 were proposed by **CB**, seconded by **LM**. They were approved.

Matters arising from Minutes.

Care Group.

The Care Group are in the process of applying for grants to contract an individual to set up a befriending service and associated care activity for the elderly and vulnerable. It was agreed by those present that the Care Group should become partners of the Trust. The setting up of an MoU was supported. **NG** to continue discussion with John Gilruth. **Action**

Station Action Group (STAG).

LM discussed the progress made by this group. John Swinney asked the community to make a tangible proposal regarding the station building so that they can apply for a grant from the Community Ownership Fund. This must be done quickly as a such a grant would need to be spent 25th March 2024.

Several community meetings have taken place and Suggestion Boxes have been placed around D&B. Community representatives will meet again with John Swinney, Transport Scotland, Network Rail and Scotrail on 23rd October 2023.

Finance

On behalf of the Treasurer, **NG** indicated that the Trust has £18,000 in the account. There is also £300 from the Repair Café. The Food Share Group asked if they could make use of the Trust account. All present agreed to this.

As **CR** has indicated that he wishes to step down as a Trustee, another signatory is needed for the bank account. **JB** agreed to do this. **NG** to organize the changeover of signatures with the bank. **Action**

Recognizing that the Community Connector is in high demand, and that there is a desire to build a website and increase social media presence, there followed a discussion about the scope of the community connector work, and how much **BT** would be able to do within the limited hours available. **BT** excused herself due to the conflict of interest.

NG will discuss with **SP** the possibility of increasing our impending application to Gannochy Trust to cover our ambitions looking forward, and **NG** will also talk to **BT** to establish her needs. **Action**. **SP** will share the draft for the grant application for Gannochy initially with **NG**, **JS**, and **KB**, and then with **LM** and **JB**. Application deadline is 20th October.

Community Connector

BT attended the DTAS conference. She reported that it had been very useful to meet people and make contact with other Trusts. **BT** suggested that our Trustees should organize a visit to another Trust for learning purposes. **BT** to identify a proposed visit. This will be discussed at the next meeting in November. **Action**.

JS talked about the problems associated with the closing of the Bank and possible threats to the continued existence of the Library.

The bank is unfortunately, definitely closing in December. There is a small group who continue to protest. There will be a Bank of Scotland representative to support people after the 5th December. The bank has assured the community that there will be a regular mobile bank after the building has closed. This does not help with the lack of the ATM. It was suggested that this could be put into one of the shops.

The case for the Library depends upon the variety of services which it delivers, continuing to be well used. All should be encouraged to join and use its facilities. **JS** to write an article for The Bridge.

Trust Open Night

The Open Night was a great success, with over 70 attendees, and a wonderful show at the stalls of our partner groups, and the Station Group. Thanks were given to **KB** and **BT** for all their hard work. Everybody who attended made positive comments about each of the groups with stalls and there were some enquiries asking if there would be similar occasions in the future.

AGM (21st November 2023)

In order to be quorate, 25 Ordinary Members need to be present at the AGM.

It was agreed that we need new faces on the Board of Trustees. The ideal number would be 7-9 trustees in total. Several names were suggested. Persons wishing to join the Board need to have their nomination in by 5pm 14th November and be proposed and seconded by existing members of the Trust. If there are over 12 people, including the present Trustees, who would like to be on the Board then an election will take place at the AGM (the Procedures for the AGM have been written and circulated by **NG**).

All members will be notified/invited by 1st November (note: the constitutional deadline for notification is 7th November).

AOB

LM requested that invitations for Trustees meetings be sent to the halls at Amulree and Dalguise and Butterstone.

JS talked about the proposed new path to the GP surgery and MUGA. SGN have indicated that they are willing to help with building this as long as the plans and feasibility study are done by the community. Alex Kettles has been approached to make a plan.

KB set down her concerns regarding the woodchip used in the childrens' play area in Birnam. There are children within the community that are undergoing chemotherapy or have respiratory problems. Woodchip is full of spores and it is not known if it has been treated. The council have been informed and the woodchip should be replaced by sand very soon.

The meeting ended at 9 pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday 6th November at CIC, Lagmhor.