MINUTES OF MOUNT BLAIR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST BOARD MEETING

HELD AT STRALOCH STUDIO, ENOCHDHU ON THURSDAY 23RD MAY 2013

Present: Mike Purdie (MP) (Chair), Roger Clare (RC), John Manning (JM), Dennis

Poole (DP), Simon Calvin (SC), Lucy Holt (LH), David Rennie (DR)

Apologies: Hannah Goodman (HG), Liz Crichton (LC), John Duncan (JD), Martyn

Jamieson (MJ)

In attendance: Lynn Moore (admin support)

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1.	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES	
	MP welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.	
2.	APPLICATIONS FOR TRUST MEMBERSHIP	
	DR advised that there had been no new applications for membership since the last meeting.	
3.	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	
	The minutes were accepted by all those present as an accurate record of the last meeting. This was proposed by JM and seconded by RC.	
4.	BROADBAND/COMMUNITY FOREST DEVELOPMENTS	
	DR advised that he had been in touch with Tony Thompson of Mount Blair Community Council and had passed on to him the relevant broadband upload and download speeds. According to the Action Plan, the Community Council would now take the lead on this and DR would pass on any future updates once they are received.	DR
	With regard to Kindrogan Forest, DR spoke of the complexities of procedures around community purchase and the requirements of the Forestry Commission for proof of necessary expertise in forest management and financial backing before they could consider eligibility to purchase. DR went on to speak of his investigation into the	
	possibility of the community going into partnership with the Forestry Commission in Kindrogan Forest and he was seeking a meeting with them to discuss this further. DR was aware that the community at Laggan had pursued a similar partnership for forest buying with the Forestry Commission and would try to make contact with them for some information on their experience. This item would be kept on future agenda.	DR
	DR brought to the Board's attention that he had received the monies from Drumderg microgrant to fund a liaison visit to Slate on Skye. It was noted that, should this money not be required for this visit, it would be returned to Drumderg.	DR
5.	FUTURE FUNDRAISING EVENT – PROPOSED AUTUMN CEILIDH	
	In MJ's absence, there was no update on this item and it was agreed that it would be carried forward to the next meeting.	MJ
6.	TRUST DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT ASSISTANT	
5.	MP advised that he had spoken with Ciara Wilson at Scottish and Southern Energy, with regard to the application to Drumderg for funding for this post. Ciara had confirmed that she had all the documentation for the application with the exception of the 2012 accounts and, once these had been received, the application would be considered at the next Drumderg Panel Meeting on 13 th June. It was noted that part of the Support Assistant's remit would be to assist the Directors with their individual themes.	
7.	THEME DIRECTORS' UPDATES	
	All Directors had provided email updates and circulated these prior to this meeting and only brief discussions on each theme took place.	

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Outdoor Recreation and Tourism	
SC had previously circulated an update on this theme and at the meeting confirmed that he had met with Forestry Commission Scotland regarding the sign posting of core paths which should be completed in the next couple of years. SC spoke of his plan to organise a day of action on Sunday 16 th June to clear and redirect the Dalrulzion to Ballintum core path. MP suggested that Petrina Menzies could be asked to email the community to advise of this plan and SC agreed to contact her.	Se
With regard to car parks, SC reported that the Trust would have to legally commit to maintain and if necessary remove these in the event of the Trust disbanding. SC suggested that land could be bought or leased but that any work would require to be funded and it may be advisable to decide on a few projects requiring funding and present them with a business plan to potential funders.	
SC went on to speak of a small community group, of which he is a member, which is considering promotion of mountain biking in the area and the production of route cards which give details of routes and how difficult they are to complete. SC asked if the Trust may consider becoming involved with supporting the group to produce these. After some discussion, during which the legal, risk and insurance implications of promoting bike paths were noted, LH suggested that SC's group approached the Commonwealth Games Legacy Fund directly to seek funding.	
Local Heritage, Culture & Produce – Our Sense of Place	
LC had previously circulated the update on her theme and had noted that the Archive Officer, who would be present at the AGM to give a presentation, had written a website/digital archive specification and started negotiations with 3 potential website developers. He was in the process of arranging for an Archive Project logo to be designed. In addition, he had set up a dedicated Mount Blair Archive email address and written a cataloguing standard and collections policy and designed consent forms and a material receipt. It was noted that a provisional timetable for drop-in sessions at Glenshee Pottery and Session House, Kirkmichael had been drawn up with the intention of these beginning in July. The Archive Officer would also undertake to organise competitions for the Summer Festival including the enlarging of sections of photographs to be identified and the nomination of items to be photographed or recorded to form part of the present day archive.	
Community And Recreational Facilities	
HG had previously circulated a report by email with an update on the sports court resurfacing and this was discussed noting that a properly constituted body had been involved with the initial building of the sports court.	
It was also noted that there was now a registered Child-minder in the area and it was suggested that this person's details should be put on the Glens website. MP undertook to contact Petrina Menzies to discuss.	M
Infrastructure And Renewable Energy	
JM had previously circulated an email update noting that there was no recent progress to report but that he hoped to contact Mike Chandler of the Forestry Commission, who is in charge of community woodfuel. JM advised that he would provide a further update, once he had been in touch with Mr Chandler.	JN
Access To Services And Improved Transport	
RC advised that defibrillator cases had now been received but that the equipment itself was still awaited. However, note was taken that another member of the community was progressing this.	
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	Blairgowrie. MP would contact Petrina Menzies to ask her to email the community to ensure they were aware of this service.	MP
	Roads, Traffic, Lay-bys and Signage MP had circulated an email with an update on behalf of DP. It was noted that a meeting had taken place on 23 rd April to consider possible options for lay-by improvements at 2 lay-bys in Glenshee. A positive response has been received from Invercauld Estate regarding the envisaged work on the lay-by in Upper Glenshee, but responses were still awaited from Finegand Estate, regarding the lay-by near Finegand Farm, and from PKC regarding the possible services of PKC's landscape architects. JM advised that this year's YOMP would take on the car park, which he spoke of at the last meeting, as its project this year. Housing and Jobs DR spoke of a joint community group focussing on housing and advised that had brought this to the attention of the Secretary of the Community Council. DR went on to confirm that this Theme was a long-term project as currently there was insufficient employment to attract people to settle in the area. DR was aware of some planning requirements for housing but offered to liaise with Perth and Kinross Council to gain a greater understanding of the plans and processes involved and would report back at	DR
7.	the next meeting. OIL BUYING SCHEME	
	MP advised that he was still awaiting some feedback from Kirkmichael Community Shop regarding this proposal. In addition, arrangements for the AGM had taken priority and this item would be carried forward to a future Board Meeting when a formal proposal to be circulated to the community would be discussed.	MP
8.	MARKETING PROPOSAL	
	LH advised that she had been in contact with Mark Beaumont regarding the proposed naming of a local cycle route in his honour. Following this conversation, LH noted that a clearly defined route would require to be identified before Mr Beaumont could consider an association with it. Discussion took place around the table and a suggestion was put forward that it should be a main road route, beginning at Bridge of Cally, going to Blairgowrie, Dunkeld, Pitlochry and ending again in Bridge of Cally. LH would seek to discuss this with Perth and Kinross Council and it was suggested that	LH
	Bob Ellis and Alan Graham should be approached in the first instance as they could give useful advice and also discuss appropriate signage. Another suggestions put forward was for LH to speak to Graham McLean of Develop Mountain Biking Scotland and Skinny Tyres, based in Perthshire. LH would progress this and report back at the next meeting.	LH
9.	ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT AGM AT BRIDGE OF CALLY HALL	
	MP noted that arrangements were well underway for the forthcoming AGM. Bridge of Cally Hall had been booked and the Hall Committee had agreed to provide catering. Estimated costs had been £60 for catering and £20 for Hall Hire. MP explained the Agenda for the evening, commencing with the formal part of the AGM, and the processes for re-election of Directors. It was noted that 2 of the original Directors were required to retire as per the requirements of the Articles of Association, but they would be eligible for re-election. MP asked for anyone not wishing to stand for re-election to let him know as soon as possible. The Notice of AGM, previously sent out to Directors in draft format for comment, would be circulated to the Membership 14 days in advance and a proxy vote would be offered to those unable to attend. LH offered her apologies in advance of the AGM and these were duly noted.	MP ALL

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10.	FINANCIAL REPORT, INCLUDING INTERNET BANKING PROPOSAL	
	MP advised that, as MJ was not present at the meeting, there was no financial report available. However, with regard to the new signatories for internet banking, MP noted that MJ had received information that further forms would require to be completed and the process would, therefore, take at least another month.	
11.	WEBSITE PROPOSALS	
	MP confirmed that David Atiyah (DA) had indicated by email that he was in the process of creating the initial pages for the website. It was noted that email addresses for the Directors would be generated by the website and they would no longer require to use their personal email addresses. DA had been given all the images from the Action Plan which would be put onto the site and, in addition, LH offered some photographs of her own. LH would contact DA regarding these images.	LH
12.	AOCB	
	 MP suggested that the forthcoming AGM provided an opportunity for any new potential Directors to come forward for election to the Board. He asked for any existing Directors who were aware of any interested parties to encourage them to stand for election. 	ALL
	 DR advised that Awards for All had requested a report on the use of the funding they had provided. DR would complete and return this hard copy with original signature in accordance with this request. 	DR
	 JM noted that the Action Plan publication had been well-received by the Alyth members of the Drumderg Panel as they could see how the funding had been used. He suggested that this should be continued and that contributors and grant funders should be kept informed of how funding was being utilised. 	ALL
	JM also advised that Dirnanean Garden opens to the public on 1 st June 2013.	
11.	DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING	
	The date for the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 25 th May at 7.30 pm. This would be confirmed by MP in due course and venue advised.	MP