

MBCDT – BOARD MEETING MINUTES 12.09.18

Venue: Kirkmichael Session House

Present: Liz Mallinson (LM) Chair, John Manning (JM), Kate Hunter (KH), Roger Clare (RC), Bob Brawn (BB), Miles Goodman (MG), Darrel Townsend (DT), Mike Kerby (MK), Colin Reed (CR) Minutes

Apologies: Janet Hunter (JH), Caroline Shiers (CS),

LM welcomed those present

- Minutes from previous meeting were approved
- No conflicts of interest were declared, although one is to be discussed later in the meeting

Treasurers Report – DT

- Figures provided in the September report dated at 31.08.18 show Bank Balance £9763.42, Restricted Funds £8253.60, Unrestricted Funds £1509.82.
- DT explains that the figure left in the Unrestricted Funds is roughly equivalent to the amount raised from this year's charity shop and that there is a danger of becoming over-reliant on this as the Trust's main income stream. If there was a 'bad year' at the 2019 shop the Trust would not be able to meet its commitments and smaller projects that are highly visible to community and good for the Trust's profile and reputation would suffer – examples given were Telephone Box Libraries, restoring Mile Markers, etc.
- LM agrees and reminds the Board of their agreement and commitment to moving the Trust towards financial viability.

Matters Arising

CBOPS – All

- CR explains the recent communication strategy regarding raising income via CBOPS – each scheme user received an email together with a posted letter, and two Information Sessions were held in August. In addition, information posted via Facebook reached 857 people. CR confirms that as a result he has received a variety of feedback including two messages of support, one enquiry regarding the potential supply of Calor Gas and one other that requires a more detailed response - **CR to Action** follow up.
- CR confirms CBOPS Evening Information Session booked for 17.09.18 at Session House.

Spittal of Glenshee update – CR

- No further updates to report other than the current planning application is still with CNPA and there followed a short general group discussion on progress.

Membership update – CR

- Membership numbers currently stand at 63 Associate and 212 Full members following recent recruitment, particularly at the Strathardle Gathering. LM stresses that although these are good figures that recruitment to Full membership should remain a priority so that the Trust has maximum engagement with the community. BB offers to hold membership forms in Bridge of Cally Shop – **CR to Action**
- RC explains that he is in contact with OSCR to make sure that Memorandum & Articles are all in order and he will update on any response received.

Dalrulzion Forest update - MG

- MK explains that on reflection his position within the Forestry Commission puts him in conflict with the Trust's intentions to pursue the community transfer of Dalrulzion and that as a result it is appropriate that he resigns from the Board with immediate effect. LM agrees that this is the correct course of action and thanks MK on behalf of the Board for all of his hard work and looks forward to welcoming him back at an appropriate point.
- MG updates on progress with Dalrulzion including positive and helpful meeting with Rebecca Carr FES who helps guide Community Asset Transfers. MG is currently assembling a project group from members of the community who have come forward, and also individuals that have been recommended. Once assembled MG will report to the Board and seek approval on any decisions. MG also explains the grant process for a proportion of the purchase price (still TBC) from the Scottish Land Fund.
- MG explains the importance of the highest levels of community engagement and reports that he has 35 email addresses already gathered including those kindly given at the last MBCC meeting. Ways of engaging more fully with the community are discussed including outline plans for an open meeting(s) in order to further develop the ideas and suggestions received thus far.
- LM suggests notion of preparing a broad vision statement and that it will just as important to explain to the community what is NOT planned (e.g. Housing) as it is to work through what ideas there are. LM also thanks MG for all his hard work thus far and stresses that the entire Board is there to support and assist.

AGM - All

- Group discussion regarding planning for 2018 AGM – proposed for October 30th at Bridge of Cally Hall – **CR to Action** confirmation of both together with availability of Cat Mackay from Blairgowrie & Rattray Timebank, suggested by KH as an excellent guest speaker. Also agreed that an additional Board Meeting in order to discuss preparations is held October 11th – **CR to Action** confirmation.
- Agreed that Archive Project materials be on display and that food & wine be bought along by All as in previous years.
- Regarding the two required retirals it was confirmed that KH will retire and will not be standing again and that it is JM's intention to retire and be re-elected.

Archive Project & Telephone Box update - DT

- DT explains that UV film has been added to the Display Board to help stop photo fade and that a new display is now in place. KH offers DT filing cabinet in order to help store ever growing amount of archive material collected by Pat.
- DT will be carrying out a few repairs to the Telephone Box Libraries – covering some holes at Blacklunans and replacing a piece of glass at Enochdhu.
- Reminder from DT of Pat's upcoming Archive Project talk 'The Glens Through the Lens of Time' at Session House September 26th

Promotion of Trust - DT

- DT proposes that the Trust and its work be more actively promoted by various means: in the Telephone libraries to place leaflet holders containing the Trust's tri-fold leaflets, Kirkmichael Footpath Network leaflets and business card holder – **DT to Action**.
- Suggested that the same be available in each of the three local village halls, Session House and Bridge of Cally Shop – **CR to Action** permissions.
- DT explains that a Microgrant application for promotional materials was recently submitted – this was scheduled to be reviewed at the last MBCC meeting but it was in fact not discussed.

AOB

- BB highlights PKC Community Investment Fund as just about to go live – **CR to Action** review of criteria and possibilities

- JM & LM highlight Bridge House and Kindrogan as venues in the upcoming Perthshire Open Doors weekend.
- KH provides feedback from attending Blairgowrie & Rattray Timebank AGM which she attended with MG and outlines some of their regular activities. KH also suggests that the success and growth of this scheme is very much due to the dedicated work of Cat Mackay.

END OF MEETING 21.25

Next meeting & venue TBC OCTOBER 11TH