

# MINUTES OF MOUNT BLAIR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

## BOARD MEETING

HELD AT COMPASS CENTRE, GLENSHEE ON THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2013

(MEETING POSTPONED FROM 24<sup>TH</sup> DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER)

**Present:** Mike Purdie (MP) (Chair), Liz Crichton (LC), John Manning (JM), Roger Clare (RC), Dennis Poole (DP), John Duncan (JD)

**Apologies:** Hannah Goodman (HG), Simon Calvin (SC), Martyn Jamieson (MJ), Richard Watts (RW), David Rennie (DR)

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1.	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</b> MP welcomed everyone to the meeting, and also informed the meeting of Bob Ellis's resignation. The meeting then spent some moments in silent contemplation of the life and tragic death of Doreen McIntyre.	
2.	<b>APPLICATIONS FOR TRUST MEMBERSHIP</b> MP outlined that Lucy Holt had expressed interest in becoming a Trust Member and possibly a director. She has family connections in Straloch but lives in Edinburgh, and would therefore be eligible to be an Associate Member. MP suggested she could be invited to the next meeting. JD told the meeting that he has recently spent time canvassing the Glen Derby/Log Cabin area for new Trust members, and has also put copies of the Action Plan in the Kirkmichael shop. David Atiyah is keen to assist the Trust and has offered to get involved in the development of a web site. MP agreed to contact David.	MP
3.	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2012 were accepted as an accurate account and were proposed by RC and seconded by JD.	
3b	JM informed the meeting of the possibility of purchasing forestry land at Kindrogan by the Trust, both as a commercial venture and securing it for recreational purposes. He had been contacted by a representative from the Forestry Commission who advised that it may be possible for the Trust to purchase it in the form of a grant from the Scottish Land Fund. There was some discussion about how a potential project might be managed and that perhaps the Trust should set up a sub committee to develop proposals. MP said that PKAVS and DTAS could provide advice. JD queried whether the Trust should be getting involved as it would seem to be a potentially big project that might divert attention and energy away from the Action Plan. JM suggested that a consultant could be appointed and he knew of a suitably qualified person. It was decided to invite this person to a future meeting.	JM
	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	
4.	<b>Community Energy Conference.</b> LC reported that due to potentially difficult travel conditions the meeting had been postponed and that no new date had yet been fixed.	
5.	<b>'Roads, Traffic, Lay-bys and Signage' – vacancy for new Theme Director.</b> MP explained that with BE's resignation, there was a need for a director to take on progressing this Theme as part of the Action Plan. DP generously offered to take on this responsibility, an offer which was readily agreed by all.	DP

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	<p><b>Archive Officer.</b>                      LC informed that a successful candidate had been interviewed and appointed. Richard Stratton is a post graduate studying archives and record management at Glasgow University. He will fulfill the role of Archive Officer as part of his dissertation. LC and MP will meet with him on 1<sup>st</sup> February to sign his contract. LC will act in a mentoring role and meet with him each month to discuss his progress. The Blairgowrie Advertiser is keen to produce a short article. JM suggested contacting Alyth Archive for advice or ideas. LC said that she would also get Richard to contact folk who have expressed interest in helping with the Project.</p>	LC
	<b>NEW ITEMS</b>	
6.	<p><b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>                      In MJ's absence, MP explained that the majority of the £30K+ in the account was HLF ring-fenced for the Archive Project, which currently leaves us with approximately £300. There was some discussion about the criteria for drawing down the second grant of £4750 from Drumderg/SSE. As we have now met the requirements re. the HLF £22.3K, it was felt that we should apply for the second draw down in March. LC agreed to contact SSE in this regard.                      MP brought the Easy Fundraising website to Directors' attention. He said that this was a simple way of raising money for the Trust as well as our profile. As only a few Directors were registered, he urged others to do so and would re-circulate information.</p>	LC MP
7.	<p><b>THEME DIRECTORS UPDATES</b>  <b>Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.</b> As SC not present there was no report other than that SC has been in touch with Andy Barry from Perth &amp; Kinross Countryside Trust, who has expressed his support  <b>Heritage, Culture and Produce:</b> See report above re. Archive Officer.  <b>Community and Recreational Facilities.</b> As neither RW nor HG were present there was no further information.  <b>Infrastructure and Renewable Energy.</b> JM brought information on the 'Green Deal' to the attention of directors. This is a Government initiative whereby individual home owners, tenants or landlords can make energy-saving improvements to their home or business without having to pay all the costs up front. LC asked if this was something the Trust should promote and MP suggested that we could get Petrina to circulate information. MP also noted that the possible forestry ownership project would benefit from the scheme.  <b>Local Services.</b> . . . JD circulated notes from a discussion he'd had with HG. This outlined first aid training from St. John's Ambulance and funding available from British Heart Foundation to include the purchase of defibrillator(s). HG and JD have spoken to Andrew Duncan in his roles as Community Council Chair and volunteer fire officer, who is very supportive. Neil Laidler (Glenkilrie) is currently promoting defibrillator purchase and training and JD suggested speaking with him. JD and HG had also discussed the setting up of a first response team and several useful contacts were suggested – Alan Stewart (P&amp;K first aid trainer), Kate Hunter (Glenshee Ski Patrol) and Kirkmichael fire crew.                      JD gave information on the ICE scheme – 'In Case of Emergency'. This is an emergency services initiative to encourage people to identify their next of kin on their mobile phone in case they're involved in a serious accident.                      . . . and improved transport. JD said that they have had contact with the Community Transport Association and P&amp;K Community Transport Group re. local transport initiatives. No further information at this stage but there could be funding available. MP suggested that JD and/or HG could attend the next Mount Blair Community Council</p>	SC RW/HG MP JD/HG

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	<p>meeting in February to keep them up to date (as per the Action Plan).</p> <p><b>Housing and Jobs.</b> DR was not present but had intimated that he has done some research but that there was nothing concrete to report at present. JM indicated his willingness to assist with this Scheme.</p> <p>MP emphasised that the Themes need more Trust Members (not necessarily Directors) in order to progress them and that Theme leaders should 'chase interest' expressed by folk attending the Open Day. There needed to be an ongoing awareness effort to generate interest.</p>	<p>JD/HG</p> <p>DR/JM</p>
8.	<p><b>RACE NIGHT</b></p> <p>MP confirmed the date as Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Blackwater Hall (<i>note change of venue below</i>). He has met with Alex Winton who has indicated her willingness to act as MC. There was some discussion about a change of venue and it was decided that, as we've not used it before, we should change to the Kirkmichael Village Hall if it was available. HG had suggested that we could expand the evening to a Games Night to include some or all of – table tennis, carpet bowls, skittles, etc in order to include children and families. After some discussion this was agreed. LC asked about catering and after some discussion JD agreed to approach the Strathardle Inn to see what they could offer for refreshments and a bar and what the cost would be. MP suggested approaching musicians that had played the Open Day. MP also outlined how the 'Race Night' element would work and the need to approach seven local companies for sponsorship. He also asked for an indication from Directors who would be available on the night. There was some discussion on charging and it was decided to make it 'ticket only' at £5 for adults and £3 for under 14's. MP said he would speak with DR about producing a flyer to be distributed locally.</p>	<p>JD</p> <p>MP/DR</p>
9.	<p><b>LONGER TERM FUNDING &amp; SUPPORT</b></p> <p>MP Reminded the meeting that the initial start up funding of £2.5K had almost all been spent and that we need to look to obtaining grant funding or further fundraising ourselves. LC suggested approaching Drumderg/SSE for financial support for admin assistance/ development officer and web site. JD reminded the meeting of his contact in Kirkmichael and his offer of help, particularly with the web site. MP said he would contact DTAS for advice and support.</p>	<p>MP</p>
10.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>None were noted.</p>	
11.	<p><b>Date and venue of next meeting</b> – 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30 pm, at the Log Cabin Hotel</p>	