

MBCDT – BOARD MEETING MINUTES 27.03.19

Venue: Kirkmichael Session House

Present: Darrel Townsend (DT) Chair/Treasurer, John Manning (JM), Roger Clare (RC), Miles Goodman (MG), Bob Brawn (BB), Colin Reed (CR) Minutes

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

DT welcomed those present

- Minutes from previous meeting were approved
- No conflicts of interest were declared

Treasurers Report – DT

- Figures provided in the February Treasurer's report dated show Bank Balance £4450.40, Restricted Funds £3760.40, Unrestricted Funds £690.00
- DT reports Drumderg grant for Archive equipment now received and items purchased
- Year End finances have now been circulated to All.
- DT stresses importance of a successful Charity Shop week in May.

Matters Arising

Dalrulzion Forest update – MG/CR

- MG updates on preparations for upcoming Open Afternoon March 31st at Blackwater Hall and explains materials to be available on the day. Both RC and DT to attend alongside MG and CR.
- DT proposes formal thanks to be extended to Colin Massey for the drone footage recently shot of the forest.
- CR updates on partially successful grant award from SSE Drumderg and discussion by All regarding alternative sources of funding that could be sought with the help of CS and the Eastern Perthshire Action Partnership. BB helps explain SSE decision and discussion follows as how best to move forward with less funding than anticipated and MG suggests a sensible and achievable strategy.
- DT updates on his meeting with Geoffrey Thompson at which the strict governance of any procurement of services was discussed and understood. GT will attend next Board meeting 24.04.19

Straloch School update

- CR updates that following contact with John Corrigan communication has been received from Fiona Robertson PKC stating that an indicative value will now be shared with the Trust, together with any condition & repair reports, and agreement to co-fund any independent valuation. Taken together this represents a very positive

outcome and group discussion follows as to potential next steps and **CR to Action** update on the rules and regulations surrounding the CAT process.

Charity Shop - ALL

- The shop will be available to stock from Friday 3rd May. CR has made available Staff Rota on Dropbox which is already looking very reasonable. **CR to Action** contact with Kate Hunter to confirm her availability and also when the garage will be ready for storage.

Development Officer

- DT and CR explain the application to SSE Drumderg that is currently being drafted in order to keep the Development Officer post funded for the next 12+ months. It is highlighted that for the first time the Trust will be able to make a financial contribution as part of the application. Although fairly modest it is nevertheless an important point of principle that as part of the Trust's income generation work it is now possible to do this and that in future such contributions are anticipated to grow in size. **CR to Action** circulation of draft application.

Spittal Update - All

- Group discussion regarding how and when to best respond to the communication from Gavin Miles CNPA regarding site clearance and condition. Some clearing activity has been noted in the past few weeks and it is Agreed by All to wait and see the outcome of these works before responding.

AOB

- RC has not yet received new Footpaths Network leaflets but will pass to DT as soon as he has them so that they can be placed in leaflet holders.
- CR updates on recent communications from Alex Winton regarding preparations for the proposed Bonfire/Halloween night. CR to attend meeting 30.04.19
- BB discusses the potential for local signage to discourage littering and agreement from all that this would be a welcome action.
- BB discusses the Community Speedwatch scheme and explains how the system might work in the local area. BB is seeking joint working between Mount Blair Community Council and Development Trust and the same organisations in Blairgowrie and Rattray.

END OF MEETING 20.30

Next meeting WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL venue TBC