

## **MBCDT – BOARD MEETING MINUTES 26.09.19**

Venue: Kirkmichael Session House

**Present:** Darrel Townsend (DT) Chair/Treasurer, John Manning (JM), Andrew Hunter (AH), Roger Clare (RC), Miles Goodman (MG), Colin Reed (CR) Minutes

**Apologies:** Caroline Shiers (CS), Janet Hunter (JH), Bob Brawn (BB)

DT welcomes those present

- Minutes from previous meeting were proposed, seconded and approved
- One potential conflict of interest was declared by MG should the meeting discuss aspects of Dalrulzion Forest Business Plan in specific detail.

### **Treasurers Report – DT**

- Figures provided in the September Treasurer's report dated 02.09.19 show Bank Balance £3052.29, Restricted Funds £1424.27, Unrestricted Funds £1628.02
- DT reports funding from SSE Drumderg regarding Dalrulzion has now been received, together with Development Officer funding from the Eastern Perthshire Action Partnership. Further Development Officer funding from SSE Drumderg is due imminently.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **2019 AGM - All**

- Group discussion regarding preparations for this year's AGM. CR to contact Bridge of Cally Hall for availability during second week of November. Agreed that JM should display Archive materials, that MG will present Dalrulzion update and that CR will introduce Community Action Plan update. All are reminded to kindly bring food & drinks as in previous years. CR to make sure Membership and CBOPS forms are available. RC explains that AH's Directorship will need to be formally nominated and ratified and that DT, MG and JH will take retiral and then re-election.

#### **Dalrulzion update - MG**

- MG covers recent developments and confirms GT is progressing with forestry valuation issue which will inform the commercial management aspects of the Business Plan. Group discussion regarding issue of Forestry Scotland requesting sight of valuations undertaken – it is Agreed in Principle by All that this should be possible but that MG/GT should request 'quid pro quo' information sharing. MG explains that the CAT scheme for forestry buyouts may be coming to an end 2021/22 but that the Dalrulzion bid will have time to progress before this. DT stresses the importance of cast iron governance. MG explains that Forestry Scotland have a monthly report pro forma that MG/CR and GT will undertake – the first is due October 2019.

#### **Development Officer funding - CR**

- CR outlines recent successful funding bid from Eastern Perthshire Action Partnership and that the modest shortfall in funding will hopefully be met by the Gannochy Trust, and an application to them is due to be submitted this week for consideration in December.

### **Strathardle Gathering - All**

- DT reports another worthwhile day at the Gathering with good levels of engagement with public and a healthy £114 raised for general funds.

### **Joint Trusts Meeting - JM**

- JM attended most recent meeting on behalf of DT and reports many positive joint working initiatives such as inclusion of Coupar Angus in Catevan Eco-Museum and discussion on the promotion of community hubs. JM also outlines proposals for an Eastern Perthshire Climate Action Plan and explains his suggestion of seeking practical assistance from Friends of the Earth.

### **Spittal of Glenshee - DT**

- DT outlines his recent site meeting with BB, CS and Murdo Fraser MSP and the positive press coverage recently generated. DT reads letter that will be sent from Murdo Fraser to the Chief Executive of Perth & Kinross Council which is hoped to help clarify some of the council's responsibilities with regard to site safety and compulsory purchase powers.

### **CBOPS – CR**

- CR outlines recent conversations with Dave Ronald from Oilfast and potential ongoing concerns with integrity of supply from Rix. Agreed by All that Mr Ronald should be invited to attend next Board Meeting in order to help explain in principle how a switch of supplier might be smoothly undertaken – CR to Action.

### **Community Bonfire – All**

- DT stresses importance of continuing support from the Trust for this excellent project – CR to Action contact with Alex Winton to see if there is anything specific we can help with. CR to pass AH copy of recent promotional notice so that he might help produce a new version for use as poster/leaflet and online.

### **AOB**

- JM explains there are still ongoing issues surrounding the exact positioning of the Glenshee phone box library – he is awaiting advice from the Highways Agency
- AH leads discussion on telephone library bookmark and what information is to be included. CR gives update on Facebook donation button and is hopeful of response soon. AH has identified some excellent value prices for printing and will commence with design ideas with an eye on the AGM in November.

**END OF MEETING 20.40**

**Next meeting WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER venue TBC**