

MBCDT – BOARD MEETING MINUTES 28.03.18

Venue: The Strathardle Inn

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

Guest: John Corrigan (JC) - PKC Community Capacity Worker: Eastern Perthshire

Apologies: Janet Hunter (JH), Caroline Shiers (CS), Mike Kerby (MK), Darrel Townsend (DT)

LM welcomed those present

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

Straloch School Discussion - All

- LM thanked JC for attending and for providing the Trust with various documents and clarifications in the last month. LM led group discussion outlining the Trust's potential interest in using the property as a community asset. JC explains PKC's position on ownership regarding the Feu Disposition document and confirms that no remedial works have been carried out as a result of the last building survey. Tayside Contracts now operate a management contract for the site and have access, but a key is known to be held at Blairgowrie High School. LM requests more detail on the scope of Tayside Contract's contract – **JC to Action via CR**. Group discussion regarding JC's assertion that it would be up to a potential buyer to suggest price & valuation rather than PKC fixing such values, and it is agreed that opening dialogue with PKC Property Dept. might help clarify this issue - **JC to Action via CR**. BB raises issue of the property being sold on the open market, and what would PKC do with the income raised (put back into the community?). LM suggests that PKC Property Dept. attend any site visit arranged via CR/JC. Initial dialogue also required regarding Housing Associations that might have an interest, or who could provide useful direction – **CR to Action**. LM & All thank JC for his attendance and JC leaves the meeting. CR states he is attending one day course 29.03.18 regarding information on Community Asset Transfers.

Treasurers Report – CR (in DT'S absence)

- Figures provided in the 12th March 2018 Report show Bank Balance £8343.21, Restricted Funds £6811.71, Unrestricted Funds £1531.50.
- The Report also confirms that the Trust accounts have been lodged with Graham Edwards Accountant, Blairgowrie

Matters Arising

- **Spittal of Glenshee update – All** – LM updated on her contact with CNPA. JM & BB outline and discuss response received by Gordon Lindsay PKC regarding site safety: PKC position seems to be that they have done all that they believe they are able to do bearing in mind it is still in private ownership, and it is they who should be responsible for all costs and actions regarding site safety, security and maintenance. Discussion by All regarding keeping an open mind on all possible outcomes, and that is always useful to keep dialogue open with all existing and new parties with regard to the Trust's stated position on the site.
- **Paths Network Update – RC** offers update on recent developments, highlighting recent article Blairgowrie Advertiser: funding secured via Countryside Trust for Lair path developments & improvements. RC also circulated fundraising update for Kirkmichael Path Network via Co-op showing £881.38 raised so far. RC raises some outstanding issues such as Riverside Walk bench replacement, and that he hopes to walk the Pitcarmick route to assess any other works needed. Discussion regarding the Kindrogan route still being problematic (windfall & path clearing, etc.) and JM highlights improvements that could be made at Kindrogan Rock. RC will raise these and other issues when attending Forestry Commission Local Forest Plan open session on 29.03.18 that will also be attended by CR and others.
- **Development Officer funding update – CR** gives updates on two current funding bids: the DTAS Strengthening Communities Fund application was unsuccessful but the PKC Community Economic Development Fund has been approved. CR outlines his commitment to undertaking this work alongside ongoing admin duties. A Response to Brief paper will be circulated to Directors in next seven days so that agreement can be reached at next Board meeting on specific projects to advance. In the meantime CR suggests there is no reason why he couldn't progress with work regarding CBOPS and initial scoping for events – Agreed by All. An application to secure match funding is also in progress, with support from Erich Trust and GSTA
- **Charity Shop** – Group discussion regarding arrangements for shop opening W/C 25th May, including Sunday opening. Staff rota available on Dropbox and CR to commence marketing first week April. KH confirms garage space for donations will be available again.

AOB

- JM highlights recent correspondence regarding Landscape Partnership and the new focus on the Catevan Eco Museum project.
- BB confirms new PKC Community Investment Fund commences April 5th and will continue to chase details on scope & criteria - **BB to Action.**
- JM and Pat Townsend to attend Community Heritage Scotland event at Birnam Institute on 21st April on behalf of Archive Project.
- CR – reminder to All that Martin Mathers HEAT Project is due to attend as a guest at the next Board Meeting 25th April

END OF MEETING 08.45

Meeting timetable (subject to change at reasonable notice)

- **25th April – VENUE TBC (Likely Kirkmichael Hotel)**
- **30th May**