

**MINUTES OF MOUNT BLAIR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

**BOARD MEETING**

**HELD AT KINDROGAN FIELD STUDIES CENTRE ON TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013**

**Present:** Mike Purdie (MP) (Chair), Martyn Jamieson (MJ), John Manning (JM), Dennis Poole (DP), David Rennie (DR), John Duncan (JD), David Stewart (DS)

**Apologies:** Liz Crichton (LC), Roger Clare (RC), Simon Calvin (SC), Lucy Holt (LH)

**In attendance:** Margaret Rennie (admin support)

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1.	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</b> MP welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.	
	<b>APPOINTMENT OF DAVID STEWART AS A MEMBER DIRECTOR</b> Mike Purdie proposed David Stewart as a Member Director which was seconded by Dennis Poole. All present were in favour and DS was duly appointed as a Director.	
2.	<b>APPLICATIONS FOR TRUST MEMBERSHIP</b> None this month	
3.	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b> The minutes circulated prior to the meeting were discussed by those present. Acceptance of the minutes were proposed by DP and seconded by JM. All present indicated that they were in favour. <b>Matters Arising</b> To be discussed as we go through the meeting	
4.	<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b> MJ reported that as of the beginning of the month, the current balance stands at £15,056.41 but it is probably nearer £10,000 now as money has been spent on the archive project. This figure does not include the second instalment from Drumderg. MP is to contact LC regarding the second part of the Drumderg money.  <u>Internet Banking</u> Hannah Goodman is no longer a signatory on the account, David Rennie and Roger Clare have been added. Instructions were handed out to all four signatories for the internet banking. MJ asked if we want to continue to use Graham Edwards as the auditor – all present agreed to this proposal.	<b>MJ</b>  <b>MP</b>  <b>MJ</b>
5.	<b>FUTURE FUNDRAISING EVENT – PROPOSED AUTUMN CEILIDH</b>  No further progress has been made as yet but it should take place in November. It was felt that a date should be set as soon as possible.	<b>MJ</b>

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6.	<p><b>CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE, INCLUDING 'BULK OIL PURCHASE SCHEME'</b></p> <p>MP has spoken with Petrina Menzies regarding the publicity on the Kirkmichael website for the new childminder, Angie Souter. Petrina won't put in on free as it is a business and wants to charge £10, so it was decided to wait until our own website is built.</p> <p>MP has asked Petrina to publicise the new summer bus route which is running from Aberdeen to Blairgowrie, which runs until the end of September. Publicity and the timetables are available in the area, please use it or it will be discontinued again.</p> <p><u>All-weather Sports Court</u> There has been no progress made regarding the All weather sports court at Kirkmichael School as we are still trying to find out who owns the title of the land. Hannah Goodman has handed this over to Sue Smith who has asked us to leave the matter with her for the time being.</p> <p><u>Layby at Finegand</u> We have had no response from the Mackenzie-Smiths. Murray Ferguson, Cairngorm National Park, has got in touch with Alex Mackenzie Smith to try and allay his fears of poaching etc, and so get him to co-operate. Alex Mackenzie Smith has agreed to a meeting with Peter Crane.</p> <p><u>Bulk Oil Purchase Scheme</u> MP sent out a report to all the committee members prior to the meeting detailing the options available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Stanley Trust Model This is an automated system but there is only 3p off per litre (split 50:50 between The Trust and the Customer) which is not a huge incentive but there is no additional work for the Trust and it does provide an income.</li> <li>• The Hopeman Model This needs volunteers to co-ordinate orders and it benefits the customers more. A way of collecting an income could be to ask for a joining donation from each customer.</li> </ul> <p>The committee felt that it would be better to opt for the Hopeman Model. Emails are to go out through the trust and through Petrina's network regarding this and also to ask for an additional volunteer to help MP and JD with collating orders.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>MP</p>
7.	<p><b>TRUST DEVELOPMENT &amp; SUPPORT ASSISTANT</b></p> <p>The original application was turned down by Drumderg Panel as we didn't have match funding in place. At the last meeting LH agreed to work on a new application and to find match funding. She has found the Robertson Trust in Glasgow and so the applications are now ready to go off to Robertson Trust and Drumderg as the closing dates are next week. We should receive a decision by the end of September.</p>	<p>MP</p>
8.	<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTORS &amp; PENDING RETIREMENT OF LC</b></p> <p>LC is retiring as she is about to start a long term study course on South Uist. We still need new directors and so MP has asked if the committee could all be proactive to find new Directors and members. As a result of LC</p>	<p>MP</p>

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	retiring, it means that we lose her as Leader of Theme 2 and Deputy of Theme 7. JM has temporarily taken over her archive work and is now the contact for the Heritage Lottery Fund.	
9.	<p><b>INVITATION TO PKC FOR SPEAKER ON AREA SPATIAL STRATEGY</b></p> <p>MP feels that we need to have dialogue with PKC before we can proceed anywhere. JM feels that we should have a positive question so that they can react to it. DR is to investigate further and report back.</p>	DR
10.	<p><b>THEME DIRECTORS' UPDATES</b></p> <p><b>Outdoor Recreation and Tourism</b> SC has nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Local Heritage, Culture &amp; Produce – Our Sense of Place</b> The Archive Officer will have a stand at The Gathering on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August. JM, MP and JD are to help man the stall. MP is to ask RC if he has a gazebo. LC has raised the possibility of an Arts Festival in 2014. This is to be discussed further at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Community And Recreational Facilities</b> RC has nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Infrastructure And Renewable Energy</b> JM circulated a report to the committee. Rural Services are organising an event at Bamff in September to promote the use of Biomass fuel, the date to be confirmed. Anyone interested in attending please contact JM.</p> <p><b>Access To Services And Improved Transport</b> There was no further progress to report on this Theme and it would be discussed again at the next meeting,</p> <p><b>Roads, Traffic, Lay-bys and Signage</b> Nothing further to report.</p> <p><b>Housing and Jobs</b> Nothing further to report.</p>	<p>MP (cc LC)</p> <p>RC</p> <p>JM</p> <p>MJ</p> <p>DP</p> <p>DR</p>
11.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>JM mentioned the matter of Bannerfield, Kirkmichael. LC is to issue a paper and will lead on it at the next meeting. There was no update on this Proposal and this item would be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>	LC
12.	<p><b>DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETINGS</b></p> <p>The date for the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 pm at The Compass Christian Centre. The following meeting would be Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - venue to be confirmed.</p>	MP

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