

MBCDT – BOARD MEETING MINUTES 12.08.19

Venue: Kirkmichael Session House

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

Apologies: Caroline Shiers (CS),

In Attendance: Andrew Hunter (AH)

DT welcomes those present and in particular AH who wishes to take a position as Director of the Trust

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

Treasurers Report – DT

- Figures provided in the August Treasurer's report dated 08.08.19 show Bank Balance £2717.06, Restricted Funds £1416.05, Unrestricted Funds £1301.01
- DT reports annual accountant's bill of £888.00 has been paid.

Matters Arising

Community Council – BB/All

- BB explains the potential need for new members of MBCC to come forward should the upcoming elections result in current members standing down from their posts. The importance of the Trust working closely in partnership with MBCC is discussed and BB will provide updates once the position on current post holders becomes clear.

Development Officer Funding – BB/CR

- BB/CR explain the outcome of the recent Action Partnership meeting and that the upcoming September 3rd meeting will provide a much better platform to seek match funding for the Development Officer post. CR had been liaising with Action Partnership to ensure the approach is targeted against key objectives – both BB and CS will be in attendance and there is good potential for a positive outcome.

Spittal of Glenshee – All

- CR reads update provided by CS regarding her recent meeting with Xander McDade and Gavin Miles from the CNPA. JH agrees with the outcome of this meeting in that CNPA have used all of the tools available to them with regard to enforcement of site clearance. CS will contact Fraser McGowan PKC regarding possible use of the Vacant Land Fund and will also try to ensure that the site remains a standing agenda point with any discussions between PKC and CNPA.

- General discussion follows as to what options are still available to help ensure a more positive outcome for the site. DT will also formally withdraw the draft Stage 1 Application to SLF.

BB leaves meeting due to travel commitment

Dalrulzion Forest – All

- Group discussion led by DT regarding the news that the Stage 1 Application bid for funding has been approved – MG to speak with Calum Couston SLF in order to gain written confirmation. DT provides useful overview of his experience with the process of working with SLF funding and very firmly stresses the importance of the highest levels of governance and record keeping: DT will take responsibility for financial record keeping. Strategies regarding external communications are discussed and DT reminds All that both SLF/Lottery and SSE logos should be used. DT also requests of MG that any external communications be approved by the Board before publication.

CBOPS – CR/RC

- CR is administering the August order and will also liaise with Rix regarding the next levy payment to the Trust which is now due.

Post of Chair – DT

- DT reminds All of his initial offer to take the role of Chair for a 3-6 month period which is now at an end. JM proposes that DT continue in this role and DT agrees to a period up to and including the 2019 AGM. The Board extends its thanks to DT for his continued hard work and focus.
- DT requests that preparations for the 2019 AGM be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

Strathardle Gathering - All

- DT leads discussion on arrangements for the Trust's stall at this year's Gathering and volunteers will be available for set up, break down and staffing on the day. JM and Pat Townsend will build Archive display and MG the same for Dalrulzion materials. DT has some raffle prizes available but asks for more donations.

AOB

- DT reports that repairs have been undertaken on both Ballintuim and Enochdhu telephone box libraries and that the Trust are extremely grateful to JB Gow & Sons for this work which was very kindly carried out free of charge.
- DT is also working on a funding bid to move and refurbish the Glenshee telephone box. An appeal for more books is needed and CR to Action communications.
- The idea of a telephone box shaped bookmark with giving information on the Trust and the capability for people to make donations is discussed – AH to further investigate designs and costs and CR to Action on-line donation button.

- CR will contact AH in order to facilitate email set up and RC to do same regarding Directorship paperwork.

END OF MEETING 20.40

Next meeting WEDNESDAY 25th September venue TBC