

KIRKCUDBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Kirkcudbright Development Trust in the Selkirk, Kirkcudbright on Monday 5th December 2016 at 7.00pm

Present: Mrs Lesley Garbutt (Chair)
Mr Neil Picken
Mr David McHale
Mr Andrew Ward
Ms Avive Asbridge
Mr Rob Asbridge
Mr Malcolm Oldfield
Mr Alex Kinnell
Mr Andy Campbell
Mr Colin MacLaine
Mr John Johnson
Mr Alistair Gordon
Mr Colin Saul

Minute Secretary: Ms Deborah Craig

In attendance: Mr Conor Bradley

Apologies: Mr Allan Ross

1 **Apologies**

As above

2. **Minutes of the meeting – 7th November 2016**

Proposed by Ms Asbridge and seconded by Mr Picken.

3 **Matters Arising**

There were none.

4. **Communications sub-committee**

Avive Asbridge (AA) said that she had finished the editing of the newsletter and it was ready to be put on the website and to be printed. It was agreed that David McHale would ask Liz Gunby if the bike shop would print out between 50 and 100 copies also. John Johnson (JJ) also suggested that a copy be emailed to all members of the Trust.

The Late Night Shopping Event on 8th December was raised and it was agreed that it would be a

good idea if the Bike Shop was open for the event and that David McHale (DMcH) or Colin MacLaine (CM) would also help out.

It was also agreed that the newsletter should be the responsibility of one person and Rob Asbridge agreed to take over the running of the newsletter. It was also suggested that the Trust

could have a Facebook account, but it was agreed that the newsletter should be up and running first before the Trust looked into Facebook.

5. **Finance:** JJ handed out the latest figures which showed a current total balance for all projects of £23,710.02 (including £3986.65 ring-fenced for the Youth Drop-In Centre). There was a bill of £83 to be paid for water rates, however Andrew Ward (AW) said that there should be an exemption from water rates and they should be able to be claimed back. JJ also said that the trust was due a rebate back from BT which he was pursuing.
5. **Membership forms:** Membership was up to 387 with some more forms to be handed in. JJ and DMcH also reported that they had recently delivered a talk to the Academy and some pupils had expressed an interest in becoming Trustees.
6. **Project Worker Update**

Mr Ward reported the following:

Kirkcudbright Cycling Project

Liz Gunby is off at the moment caring for her mother.

Johnston School

Since the last board meeting the council has agreed to hand over the school on condition that we secure funding.

1. Coastal Communities Fund. The reason given for refusal was that the project was not advanced enough. The Fund also had £11m worth of applications, while only having £1m of funding available so in effect the Trust was asking for a quarter of their total fund.
2. To fill that gap I submitted an Expression of Interest to Leader and as a result I have to submit a full application by 11th January. I am meeting Leader on site on Friday 9th December.
3. We received notification that we have been awarded development money of £30k from the lottery. This will fund the main architects. The architects have been instructed to proceed.
4. Galloway Glens Project (GGP). A full application has been sent to the GGP £59,000 towards the Dark Skies Park Element.

Between now and March we have to submit the Lottery, Robertson Trust, Holywood Trust, Leader and possibly others. I am aiming to get the majority in by March.

NB. I need to try and secure some more anchor tenants. We also need to establish what the Police are intending.

At this point Lesley Garbutt reported that the Community Council was aware of the Police situation and was chasing the matter. It was also agreed that Alex Kinnell (AK) would liaise with the architect as a Trustee. Colin Saul then asked an indication of the size and cost of

remaining spaces available. AW said that the rooms were classroom size and the cost was approximately £4k per annum. He also mentioned that 27 groups had expressed an interest in using the casual spaces.

Neil Picken said that a Community Radio Station had been suggested to him, which everyone thought could be a good idea.

It was also agreed that Conor Bradley would become involved.

Barhill Wood

Application to GGP submitted for £25818 and an expression of interest has been submitted to Leader. Leader has to be in 11th January, though it might be possible to hold this back until the next round. Rob Asbridge (RA) and I have agreed that this project needs it's own sub-group. This needs formalising.

RA then reported that he was meeting the Forestry Commission later in the week. AW pointed out that many land management agreements were very much in favour of the Forestry Commission and this was something for RA to bear in mind when he had his meeting. It was also agreed that RA approach Neil Cavers for help in the matter.

Silvercraigs Caravan Park

We have secured development funding £7600 from the lottery. It involves community consultation, business plan, condition survey, legal fees. I would like to suggest we engage outside help to do this work. I would like to offer it to SCVO.

Everyone agreed to SCVO being involved with the project.

LG then suggested that Alistair Gordon could manage this project as he was very keen to get involved. It was agreed that Alistair Gordon and Malcolm Oldfield would form a sub-committee for the project.

Community led grant

This grant claims to be for groups looking to increase their capacity. We had applied some time ago but were turned down because it was felt we were not actually delivering projects. I applied again because I believe we are now delivering projects. Sadly we have been turned down again. I have queried their decision but it is unlikely to make any difference.

Youth Work

We are looking at the possibility of using the Scout Hut as a temporary venue. Once that is agreed we will advertise for staff. This probably won't be until New Year

Neil Picken (NP) said that it would be good to get the Academy involved and Conor Bradley agreed to become liaison between the Academy and the project. NP also said that he had spoken to Sandy Patterson who had offered an acre of Senwick Woods which might be an excellent tie-in with the Youth Project. It was agreed that NP pass on the details to Lesley Garbutt to pursue.

AOB

Andy Campbell began by congratulating the Trust on all the excellent work it had achieved. He then reported that the Forum had made a loss on the Visit Kirkcudbright brochure, and said that although the 2017 brochure was underway, without funding the brochure would not be able to continue. He also asked that the Trust help with funding for the Harbour Square.

AW said that getting funding for an ongoing brochure would not be easy but agreed to look into

it. JJ also said that, in time, Silvercraigs and the Johnston School would hopefully be in a position to offer financial help.

AW agreed and said he was more optimistic about getting some sort of funding for the Square.

Conor Bradley reported that the Kirkcudbright Academy Magazine was looking for local business to advertise in it.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.50pm