

## KIRKCUDBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Kirkcudbright Development Trust in the Selkirk, Kirkcudbright on Monday 7th November 2016 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Mrs Lesley Garbutt (Chair)  
Mr Neil Picken  
Mr David McHale  
Mr Andrew Ward  
Ms Avive Asbridge  
Mr Gordon Cowan  
Mr Allan Ross  
Mr Malcolm Oldfield  
Mr Alex Kinnell  
Mr Andy Campbell  
Mr Colin MacLaine  
Mr John Johnson  
Ms Liz Gunby  
Ms Sarah White

**Minute Secretary:** Ms Deborah Craig

**Apologies:** Mr Alistair Gordon  
Mr Rob Asbridge  
Mr Brian Thomson

### **Kirkcudbright Cycle for Life Presentation**

Mrs Garbutt opened the meeting by welcoming Liz Gunby (LGu) and Sarah White (SW) from the Kirkcudbright Cycle for Life Project. LGu then gave the DT a presentation on behalf of the Cycle for Life team. The aim of the project, she said, was to get as many people as possible cycling while reducing the carbon footprint of Kirkcudbright. After 30 new bikes were bought through William Laws, the idea was to lend bikes on a short-term basis to members of the community. It was also about community engagement, encouraging families to cycle together, encouraging a cycle to work scheme for local businesses. There was also a folder of cycle routes that was going to be published. LGu ended the presentation by asking the board if it would consider applying for another year if funding and was able to report that to date the carbon footprint reduction was around 10 tonnes.

Alex Kinnell (AK) asked the project how many hours the shop was currently open and how many bikes were currently out on hire. LGu replied that the shop was open 10-4 Monday to Friday and there were currently 20 bikes out on hire.

John Johnson (JJ) raised the issue of a potential cycle route being developed in association with Sustran and asked the team their thoughts on this. SW replied that anything to help people cycle was a good idea, while David McHale raised concerns about the lighting and signage of the route.

Lesley Garbutt (LG) thanked the Cycles for Life Team for their presentation and it was agreed unanimously that funding for another year be applied for. LGu and SW then left the meeting.

1 **Apologies**

As above

2. **Minutes of the meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016**

**Proposed by** Mr McHale and seconded by Mr Picken.

3 **Matters Arising**

LG reported that Mrs McCreadie had been presented with her cheque for £100 and was delighted.

4. **Communications sub-committee**

DMCH reported that at the last sub-committee meeting the draft of a newsletter had been drawn up which Avive Asbridge (AA) was in the process of editing. It would be sent out to all members in email format as well as hard copies being printed. Andy Campbell (AC) suggested that the hard copies have membership forms attached to them which everyone agreed was a good idea.

5. **Finance:** JJ handed out the latest figures which showed a current balance of £17,251.44 (including £3986.65 ring-fenced for the Youth Drop-In Centre).

5. **Membership forms:** Everyone agreed to for another push on getting new members.

6. **Project Worker Update**

Mr Ward reported the following:

**Kirkcudbright Cycling Project**

The CCF has indicated that they would support an extension of the project. There has been discussion about this and as far as I am aware we are going to try and extend the project.

**Johnston School**

A very successful meeting was held Since the last board meeting a series of positive meetings have taken place at the school.

1. Holywood Trust (Karen Ward-Boyd). Holywood Trust is very much behind the project, both the Youth work element and the Dark Skies Park. We have been asked to submit an application for circa £100,000 in January 2017.
2. Forestry Commission (Keith Muir). Keith manages the Dark Skies Park for the Forestry Commission. He was impressed and very supportive of the Dark Skies visitor centre. He has since issued a letter of support.
3. Director of Communities (Derek Crichton). Derek Crichton came with members Jane Maitland and Patsy Gilroy. We explained our plans and they were very supportive.
4. Galloway Glens Project (McNabb Laurie). The Dark Skies project has been short-listed for funding and McNabb is very much behind the project. The Stage 1 application has to be submitted by the 2nd December. I am waiting for the form.

Apart from these visits I have been working on the Strategic Plan for the lottery. I hope to have a first draft in December. We are waiting to hear whether we have got development funding from the lottery. We will be told this week. On a positive note, they have asked for our bank details, which is encouraging.

**Council.** It now seems that we do not have to go through the asset transfer process. The business case will be put to area committee on 16th November and they will recommend to Policy and Resources who meet on the 22nd November. NB We need to keep an eye on what the report is recommending to area committee. It should go on-line shortly.

### **Barhill Wood**

This project has also been put forward as a potential Galloway Glens project and like the school (Dark Skies Visitor Centre) the project has to submit a Stage 1 application by 2nd December. I will need some help with this.

### **Silvercraigs Caravan Park**

After the decision to proceed we have done just that. The Stage 1 asset transfer has been submitted and we have started work on the business plan which is nearly finished. Colin Wyper and I met a council officer last week and the plan is to try and move this forward as soon as possible. We have asked the council for information regarding who owns the site. There are implications regarding the current staff, and we have asked if they can provide any better information about the finances.

### **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**

After our meeting with the church I asked the Holywood Trust for clarification regarding whether they were happy for us to work with the church, as the church had made it clear that there would be a religious element to their youth work. The response from the Holywood Trust was they were not happy. Essentially they want children to have access to youth programmes, without condition. As such we had a further meeting with the church and decided that each group would do it's own thing, but where possible we would co-operate.

More good news came from Children in Need. We have secured funding for 3 part-time youth workers for the next three years, plus management time and money towards equipment, trips and venue hire. This money is awarded to Creetown Initiative but for youth work in Kirkcudbright. I would like Kirkcudbright Development Trust to employ the youth workers, and invoice Creetown Initiative for their services.

Everyone agreed that it was a great report and AK wanted to thank LG, AW, DMcH and JJ for all their efforts.

### **AOB**

JJ reported that it would be an idea to get the master clock for the school repaired as parts were missing. Colin MacLaine (CMcL) suggested that it was something the Rotary might consider helping with and AW suggested that the architects be informed so that it could be built into the costings.

DMcH asked if anyone wanted a .org email address to contact him and he would set them up. He also asked if everyone was happy to go ahead with the website fees for another year, which everyone agreed to.

LG reported that KBT DT had been officially accepted as part of the Development Trust Association of Scotland and a Trustees training session would be organised.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.30pm.