

KIRKCUDBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

MINUTES of the AGM of the Kirkcudbright Development Trust in the Cochran Hall,
Kirkcudbright on Monday 6th March 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Mrs Lesley Garbutt
Mr Neil Picken
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 Allan Ross
Mr Conor Bradley
Mr Tom Ashley
Mr Derek Collins
Mr Donald Shamash
Mr Colin Clark Hutchison
Mr Chris Ingram
Mr Paul Tebay
Mr John Young
Mrs Jane Young
Mrs Ann Shackleton
Mr David Shackleton

Minute Secretary: Ms Deborah Craig

Apologies: Mr Gordon Cowan
Mr David McHale
Mr Brian Thomson
Mr Colin Wyper

1 **Apologies**
As above

Mrs Garbutt welcomed everyone to the first AGM of the Kirkcudbright Development Trust and read her Chairman's Report. She reported that it had been a very busy and successful first year. Trustees, she said, had been active at different levels with a number of projects and issues and there was now a very healthy membership. The Trust had also joined the Development Trust Association of Scotland.

The Trust had also engaged with the community in conducting a survey, which was hand

delivered to every household in the town and was then collected a week later. She was heartened, she said, to see that the responses from from a wide variety of people and was confident that the results gained represented a truly holistic view of the needs and aspirations of the town.

Architects have drawn up plans for the Johnston School and the Trust has met with representative of the Lottery, the Holywood Trust and the Galloway Glens Project. Initial funding has already been received for the Dark Skie project and the development of the Barhill Woods.

The Trust had also been successful in securing funding from the Carbon Challenge Fund which lead to the Kirkcudbright Cycles for Life Project. Unfortunately, the securing of funding to continue the project was not successful, but thanks were due to Liz and Sarah for their efforts in delivering the project.

Most recently, the Trust has agreed with the local authority to take on the management of Silvercraigs Caravan park. It had been brought to the attention of the Trust that the day to day running of the park left a lot to be desired and many regular visitors had said that unless there were drastic changes, they would not be returning. It is hoped that in time, the Trust will take ownership of the park.

The Trust has also produced a newsletters and in order to keep the community informed of developments and there is also an active website.

Mrs Garbutt concluded that she hoped the report gave a flavour of the activities of the Trust over the year.

It was agreed by everyone that it was an excellent report and had bee a very good year for the trust.

3 **Treasurer's Report**

Mr Johnson read out the Treasurer's report, stating that the accounts, having been inspected by SCVS, had been sent to OSCR. With grants totalling £93,000 income for the year had topped £113,000. Mr Johnson said that this was all down to the hard work of Mr Andrew Ward, which everyone agreed with.

Mr Allan Ross and Mr Neil Picken then accepted the financial statement.

Mr Tom Ashley then asked what was going to happen to the Cycles for Life project.

Mr Ward said that the Trust would keep all the kit and it was hoped that, while funding was being looked for, the project would be resurrected from the Johnston School.

Trustees

All the current Trustees agreed to stand again and this was proposed by Mr Colin Clark Hutchison and seconded by Mr Neil Picken. The Trustees are as follows:

Mrs Lesley Garbutt

Mr John Johnson

Mr David McHale

Mr Andy Campbell

Ms Avive Asbridge

Mr Alec Kinnell

Mr Malcolm Oldfield

Mr Colin MacLaine

Mr Neil Picken

Mr Brian Thomson

Mr Allan Ross

Mrs Garbutt then asked if youth members Mr Conor Bradley and Mr Tom Ashley were happy to stand and this was approved.

Election of Office Bearers

They were proposed and approved as follows:

Chairman – Mrs Lesley Garbutt

Vice Chairman – Mr Andy Campbell

Treasurer – Mr John Johnson

Secretary – Mr David McHale

Minute Secretary – Ms Deborah Craig

Mrs Garbutt thanked everyone for attending and asked if anyone had any questions.

Mr Ross proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Garbutt and Mr Ward for all their efforts over the year.

Mr Bradley then asked the status of the Johnston School.

Mr Ward reported that an application for £850,000 was being submitted to the Lottery by the end of the week. He was, he said, optimistic as the Lottery had already shown its support for the project. It was hoped that the Trust would hear back from the Lottery within three months.

Mrs Garbutt also said that if anyone wanted to see plans for the school, they were currently on display in the bike shop

Mr Donald Shamash then asked what other projects the Trust was involved in.

Mrs Garbutt replied that apart from the school, there was Silvercraigs Caravan Park, Barhill Woods and the Youth Drop-In Centre.

Mr Rob Asbridge reported that he had been working on the Barhill Woods project and it was hoped that there would be an outdoor classroom built there, and along with involvement with the Academy and the running group, a mountain bike trail and running path would be developed,

Mr MacLaine reported that three part-time youth workers had already been employed and it was hoped that the Youth Drop In Centre would eventually be housed in the school.

Mrs Garbutt concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for their continued support and hard work.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 7.30pm.

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