

Holmehill Community Buyout

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 17th August 2005. Churches House

Present:

Jim Bennett, (Chairman) Sarah Aldred, Alan Booth, Richard Bland, Caroline Crawford, Sue Harley, Steve McGrail, Steve Mason, John Sneddon, Bill Tabbutt, David Topliff, David Totten, Claire Watt, Deirdre Wilson, David Wooley, Paula Wooley

Apologies:

Diana Davies, Andrew Gould, Alasdair Hulbert, Gerard Hastings, Sylvia Jackson, Liz Law, Margaret Stewart

Agenda:

1 Introductions

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 20th July 2005

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Caroline will investigate whether Holmehill can be included within the Stirling Council 'Woodlands in and Around Towns' (WIAT) Urban Woodland Strategy which is currently being developed.

3.2 Dunblane Development Trust. Caroline and Steve Mason attended a meeting with the Trust, which is supportive of Holmehill Community Buyout. Agreed to keep the Trust informed of developments.

4. Update on Appeal:

A meeting was held with the Sheriff Clerk at the Sheriff Court. Agreed points were listed, as were the issues of contention and legal points which will form the subjects of the Court Case

5. Appeal Procedure- dates for Appeal.

The Case will be heard in mid- November. It is expected to take about three days. The Case is complex and of considerable legal interest because of precedents that it may set.

The Hearings will be held in public.

6. Finance Group.

It was stressed that there is an urgent need to raise substantial funds between now and the Court Case in November. Should we win the Court Case we will need money in order to move forward. It is also necessary to provide evidence that we can raise money in order to demonstrate to possible funding Agencies that we are competent.

Prospectus; It was agreed that a fundraising Prospectus be produced. This should be carefully worded, and individually addressed to possible donors within the Dunblane area. The purpose is to obtain pledges for significant sums of money to which other smaller donations could then be added.

Agreed that Caroline Crawford and Gerard Hasting should draft the Prospectus, with desk-top publishing/layout assistance from Alan Booth. Funds may be required for printing/stationary costs.

Agreed that Claire Watt, Steve McGrail and Deirdre Wilson should attempt to identify possible recipients.

Agreed that the Prospectus should be printed by early September to be distributed in mid September.

7. Communications Group. No Report.

8. Events Group.

10th September Caelidh Victoria Hall 8.00-12.00
Posters: Sue Harley
Tickets: Sarah Aldred
Raffle prizes: Margaret Stewart

It was argued that we should hold a number events to pull the Community together to create a sense of ownership rather than to raise funds. It was pointed out that many people in Dunblane still have no idea where the Hill is, or that there is public access to it. The events group will organise an event in mid October.

9. AOCB. The next meeting will be 21st September

The meeting closed at 8.50p.m.

Deirdre Wilson
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