

## **Holmehill Ltd.**

### **Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board**

held on at 7.30 on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2005 in Leighton House

#### **Present:**

Jim Bennett (Chair)  
Rosemary Bland  
Caroline Crawford  
Andrew Gould  
Alistair Hulbert (representing Liz Law)  
Steve Mason  
David Prescott  
J. H. Seddon  
David Topliff  
D. Wilson  
Malcolm Wilson

#### **Apologies:**

Gerard Hastings  
Liz Law  
Andrea Peters  
Iain Watt  
David Totten

#### **Agenda**

##### **1. Court Case.**

The Chairman confirmed that the hearing at the Sheriff Court in Stirling will take place on 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> November, from 10.00 'til 4.00 (lunch : 1.00 - 2.00)

##### **Witnesses on Behalf of Holmehill Ltd:**

Jim Bennett  
Andy Wightman  
Angus Hardie  
John Seddon

Jim Bennett will argue that Holmehill Ltd. is not opposed to development per se, but that we propose *sustainable development*, social and environmental as well as economic, for the benefit of the Community of Dunblane

Andy Wightman will argue that there are discrepancies between the decisions made over our application vis a vis other late applications that were accepted.

Angus Hardie will argue that it is not realistic to expect small communities to be able develop applications *in advance* of land coming on the market.

John Seddon will review the long- standing status of Holmehill in relation to the Community of Dunblane.

Holmehill Ltd will be opposed by the Scottish Executive and Stakis plc.

The Chairman agreed to establish whether, under the legislation, Stakis plc had the right to be represented.

We have not been informed as to witnesses for the opposition.

#### **Sheriff's ruling:**

Request made for clarification on

When the decision will be made

When the decision will be made public

Would registration take effect from the time of the Sheriff's decision or from the Executive's rejection

## **2 Finance**

Steve clarified the financial position. We have £1,700 in the bank..

Excluding the £1,182.02 already paid to our lawyers, to date we have a total of £7,700 for funding the appeal.

Pledges	£6 900
Outstanding donations	£870

A number of other avenues are being investigated in order to bring in additional funding for the appeal and to minimize the need to call in pledges from individuals.

Although it looks as though our legal costs will be higher than anticipated, the pledges and donations already received should be adequate to cover our bills.

After appeal has been heard, the treasurer to contact people who made pledges to update them on the latest position.

Agreed that in the first instance we should call in pledges from organisations rather than individuals.

## **3. Communications:**

It was again stressed that the importance of good communications cannot be over estimated

### **Communications sub group:**

Rosemary Bland  
Alison Brown  
Paul Jones  
Steve Mason  
David Prescott  
Caroline Crawford

## **4 Prospectus**

Meeting of sub group to be held 7.30 ,26<sup>th</sup> October at D. Wilson's cottage.

## **5 Timetable**

A timetable of procedures in the event of our winning the Appeal was issued.

## **6 AOCB**

Grant application to the Scottish Land Fund for technical assistance to be handled by the Communications Group.

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November At Leighton House (upstairs lounge).

Meeting closed at 9.15pm