

Holmehill Ltd.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board

held on at 7.30 on 25th 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 14th, 15th, 16th 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 ,26th 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, 9th November At Leighton House (upstairs lounge).

Meeting closed at 9.15pm