

Holmehill Ltd

Minutes of Open Meeting of the Board Wednesday 17 January 2007 in Leighton House

1. Attendance

Present Steve Mason, Liz Law, Rosemary Bland, David Topliff, Phil Tebbutt, Cheryll Thomas, Rob Forrest, Caroline Crawford, Caroline Smillie, Deirdre Wilson, Claire Watt, John Seddon, Andy Gould, Grant Wilson, Alison Brown (part), David Prescott.

Apologies Gerard Hastings, Sarah Aldred, Sylvia Jackson, David and Paula Woolley

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted as correct by meeting. No matters arising not on the Agenda

3 Financial Update reported by A Gould

- Currently £1700+ in the bank
- Approximately £1200 is shortly due in Giftaid recoveries
- Some cheques outstanding to be paid, including £20 to cover remainder of V Hall rental. Delay has been due to Bank procedures to revise signatures.
- SLF have been advised of inability to take up grant

4 Registration of Community Interest

Holmehill

- SM reported that SE had returned the application as the postcode detail defining our community was not 100% correct.
- SM has investigated and revealed that the postcodes do not fully coincide with the Community Council area.
- The proposal, agreed with SE, is to go with an area, which includes Ashfield and Kinbuck, but which is 12 postcode sectors smaller than that originally submitted. The population impact is minimal.
- This change will require a change to the Holmehill Ltd Memorandum & Articles, which requires an Extraordinary General Meeting. 3 weeks notice has to be given for an EGM and a quorum of 10/11 company members. It was agreed that the next meeting (Tuesday 20th January) would include the EGM and that SM would circulate the details in sufficient time.
- JS with others will check the petition signatures against the revised areas and the newly published electoral roll
- 21 schoolchildren had written some excellent poems and these would be circulated electronically

Braeport

JS reported that the Braeport Centre require another 100 signatures, but also advised that there is a reversion clause in the deeds that would make sale difficult.

5 Other Progress

- **Community Council** Contact made with new chair Terence O'Byrne. Holmehill has been invited to address the CC at next meeting on Monday 5 February at 19 30 in the Burgh Chambers. SM & RB to speak. All invited.
- **Scottish Woodland site** Ian Adam is investigating site ownership, no further information at present. CC reported that Mick Stewart (Head of Planning) had stated that he considered the site as part of Holmehill.
- **Tree Survey** It was agreed that it was not possible to carry out a professional tree survey with consultants due to access issues, but that a record of the type and location of major trees would be made by CC & AB.

6 Future activities

- **Core Path** consultation by Stirling Council in Victoria Hall on Thursday 22 February 19 00-21 00 and Saturday 24 February 10 00-12 00.
- **Café CS** is arranging a café for the community market in Victoria Halls Friday 2 March. Plans to be circulated in February, but list circulated for helpers. Others offers to be made to CS.
- **Historic Scotland** They have aerial photos of the site showing some evidence of dwelling, but a site walk over was not successful due to the vegetation. However they were clear that they have a legitimate interest in any proposed development as it might impact the setting of a Scheduled Ancient Monument (Cathedral).
- **An evening with Richard Smith** a 'virtuoso guitarist from Nashville' (+support) in the Victoria Hall on Friday 23 February at 8.00pm. Fund raising event. Tickets - Steve 820082 <http://www.richardsmithmusic.com/>

7 Planning Procedures

RF gave a helpful brief on the planning process and procedures and stressed some of the key points to aid future progress. He also stressed the legal issues and offered to help assess the Section 75 agreement.

8 AOCB

- CC will co-ordinate an FOI application on Stirling Council.
- RB had contacted Iona Leishman who was able to offer some assistance, but also suggested some others who may be able to assist and some other routes to achieving publicity
- SM suggested that the next AGM should be before the summer, exact date to be discussed at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 20th February 19 30 in the Fraser Room (big upstairs room in Scottish Churches House). Meeting to include EGM.