

Holmehill Community Buyout

**Minutes of Open Meeting of the Board
held on Monday 16 April 2007 in Leighton House.**

In attendance: Phill Tebbutt, Steve Mason, Malcolm Wilson, John Seddon, Rosemary Bland, Caroline Smillie, Andy Gould, Caroline Crawford, David Prescott, Alison Brown

1. Welcome and Apologies

Rosemary welcomed all present. Apologies were received from Sylvia Jackson, Rob Forrest & Grant Wilson

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters arising.

- Malcolm reported on discussions with Bob Valentine of Scottish Enterprise (not Jim Fraser, as stated) who is interested in assisting with business plan development. Agreed to thank him (MW) and contact him again if and when a business plan required.
- Akri Jones has asked the Time Team to come to Holmehill. They have agreed to look into it. Thanks to Akri.
- There was an interesting discussion about getting a history of Holmehill down on paper - there is a great deal of knowledge within the group. We have a number of offers of information but not for putting the info together. RB to contact Bill Inglis to see whether he can assist.
- The dawn chorus event cannot be organised in time - may be in 2008!?
- RB confirmed arrangements re leaving do for Deirdre and Liz. Unfortunately Liz will not be able to attend.

3. Financial Update

£3600 in bank. Andy reported on progress with negotiations re possible £100 fine for failing to submit a tax return.

4 Registration of Community Interest : progress report

Our application has been accepted by the Scottish Executive. We should get a copy soon of Allan Water's response from Scottish Executive. Decision on our application due by 31 May.

5 Campaigning in 2007

- **Statement of objectives:** being finalised (SM/CC)
- **Communications :** article to be submitted to next Community View - also to Allan Water News (SM/CC)
- **Draft letters :** should be ready by end of week (CB/RF)

- **Photographs :** Caroline has done a great deal of investigation of possible photographers - thanks to her. It was agreed to spend up to £700. brief to be drafted

(CC/SM). There was discussion about the use of photos for a calendar/advent calendar which could raise awareness and funds

- **Website** : Grant congratulated on efforts to date - any comments on draft website to Grant or Steve (GW)
- **Exhibition banners** : we can get 4m x 1m banners from £150 to £350 (SM)
- **Art competition** : will be progressed over coming weeks - hope to tie in to Funday (RB)
- **Family Funday** : This is seen as an important way of raising awareness of the hill and getting young people and their parents using it. Steve had spoken with Sandy Smith who is an events organiser from Dunblane. He is willing to assist planning the event but cannot organise it. It was agreed to hold the Funday on the weekend after St Blane's day (10 August). SM to check availability of Braeport Centre (SM). Sandy is to email information on possible activities. 4 activity groups will then be established to progress the organisation of the day. Caroline S has a photo of a painting of St Blane which might be is use.
- **Costs** : SM to summarise costs of campaigning agreed so far

6 AOCB

The AGM on 19 June will be held in the Braeport Centre.

7 Date of Next Meeting

The next open board meeting will be held on Monday 21 May at 7.30pm in the Archie Craig room in Scottish Churches House

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