

# **Holmehill Ltd**

## **Minutes of Open Meeting of the Board held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007 in Leighton House**

### **1. Attendance & Apologies:**

Attendance : Sarah Aldred, Andy Gould, Caroline Crawford, Rob Forrest, Bryan Grieve, Gerard Hastings (Chair), Cllr Graham Houston, Steve Mason, David Prescott, John Seddon, Phil Tebbutt, Claire Watt.

Apologies : Rosemary Bland, Alison Brown, Alastair Hulbert, Liz Law, Libby Hughes, Bill Stewart

### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the 19 June 2007 were approved

### **3. Matter Arising**

Dealt with under Agenda items

### **4. Strategy for 2007/8**

Gerard lead a wide-ranging discussion on the future direction of the group. It was recognised that there may be a long period when little appeared to be happening from Allan Water Developments Ltd (AWDL). The group agreed to continue to oppose the inappropriate development suggested by the AWDL plan. It was agreed that no purpose would be served by dialogue with AWDL and that action should be taken to prevent their plans coming to fruition. It was agreed that the group would remain vigilant, and active with more awareness-raising activity. Dialogue with the Council to continue. Consideration to be given to seeking registration of interest in the council-owner sites at Bogside.

Action:-

- Response to the AWDL article - Action : Rob and Gerard
- Draft letters - Action : Caroline & Rob
- Exhibition/ banners - Action : Steve & Caroline
- Response to Scottish Executive FOI letter - Action : Rob & David P
- Investigate land ownership issues at Bogside - Action Graham Houston
- Support DDT's registration of interest in Braeport Centre - Action : Steve and Gerard
- Get the Council to do what the S75 Notice requires them to do to maintain Holmehill! - Action : not delegated

### **5. Review of Funday**

The view was that the Funday successful with over 40 families attending, over £200 taken, net cost will be c£500. It was agreed that working with the Development Trust and the Braeport was a good combination.

Action:-

- Another Halloween event was suggested - Action Dave T
- A further Funday was suggested for next year - Action : Steve

## **6. Meeting with Bruce Crawford MSP**

Bruce Crawford met with four Board members + Bryan Grieve prior to tonight's meeting and toured the hill. He was interested in the project and our experience. He expressed strong support for the group.

Action:-

- Write to the Rural Affairs and Environment Committee to lobby for a review of the Land Reform Act - Action : Steve

## **7. Website**

- The AWDL plan will be posted on the website after OS have been paid approximately £45 for a licence - Action : Steve
- Bill Inglis has written a short history of Holmehill for the next Community View. No further work on history would appear to be required - Action : Steve to check with Rosemary.

## **8. Frequency of Meetings**

After a short discussion about the possibility of moving to bi monthly meetings, it was agreed to continue with monthly meetings for the time being. Unnecessary meetings can always be cancelled.

It was agreed that future meetings would be held on third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

## **9. AOCB**

- Caroline Crawford was unanimously confirmed as a second Vice Chair (Dave T being the other).
- It was suggested that a calendar might be a worthwhile project - Action : Phill
- Andy reported on the finances, which remain reasonably healthy with a balance of c£2,000 taking into account all liabilities. Official returns are being progressed.
- Akri had received a encouraging response from the Vatican regarding St Blane - Action : Steve to circulate.
- The DDT AGM will be held on 8 September at 10.30 in the Braeport Centre.

## **10. Date of next meetings**

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19 September in the Archie Craig Room in Leighton House.

Future meetings in 2007 will be held on:-

- Wednesday 17 October (location to be confirmed)
- Wednesday 21 November (Archie Craig Room).