

# Holmehill Ltd

## Minutes of Open Meeting of Board

Wednesday 21 November 2007 at 7.30pm  
in the Annexe to Scottish Churches House

**Present:** Steve Mason, Caroline Crawford, John Seddon, Lynn Ferguson, Gerard Hastings, Dave Prescott, Caroline Smillie, David Topliff, Lorraine Darwen, John Stassin, Sarah Aldred.

**Apologies:** Rosemary Bland, Claire Watt, Grant Wilson, Andy Gould

### 1 Minutes of meeting on 17 October 2007

- The minutes were accepted although Chris Brae should have read Chris Spray
- Matters arising were discussed under agenda items

### 2 Finances

- Financial Update : Outstanding bills of £1k+, £500 and £278 could not be paid because chequebook unavailable for November. Ordnance Survey licence needs to be paid annually.
- Photocopying charges : It was agreed that members' black & white printing/ photocopying should be reimbursed at 8p per copy or at cost if receipt available.
- Financial projections for 2008 : Some thoughts were discussed about possible income and expenditure. It was agreed that we should aim to raise £3.5k to £4k during 2008 to cover the costs of campaigning.

### 3 Registration of community interest

- Bogside : The council has been helpful advising us of the terms of the gift of the site at Bogside to the Council by the Donaldsons. Thanks to Lorraine & John, we now have a copy of the terms of the 1941 deeds which make clear that construction on the site was not allowed. Unfortunately a 1955 deed of restriction subsequently allowed the 'erection of 1 row of houses, should the Council desire'. *Action* : Lorraine to visit council to look through deeds; discussion at January meeting about what further action to take.
- Braeport Centre : John reported that submission of DDT's application to register a community interest was still imminent.

### 4 Preparations for responding to planning application

- Draft letters : still imminent *Action* CC/Rob/SM
- Exhibition : A demonstration of the erection of the roll up banner/ exhibition proved that it is not as easy as they say! Exhibition now available for display at meetings (can be collected from Steve).
- Website development : Grant /Steve were congratulated on further development of website. Any comments/additions/ contributions welcomed.

### 5 Other initiatives

- Christmas Calendar : Sales going very well. However, it was agreed not to go for a reprint.
- *Action on S75 agreement* : Steve to discuss *Action* with Grant

- Big Lottery Funding : New literature to be passed to Grant for consideration in relation to the previous item.

## 6 Events

- Jazz & Blues Nite : To be held in Feb/March depending on available dates at the Vicky Hall. *Action* Dave T
- Astrological Event : *Action* Grant
- Dawn Chorus : To be held on Sunday 11 May and to include a breakfast! *Action* CC/CS.
- Holmehill contribution to Fling by the River on Saturday 24 May : *Action* to be discussed at events planning meeting on 28 November at 8.00pm at Dave Topliff's house (2 Back Croft)
- Family Funday 10 August 2008 : *Action* to be discussed at above events planning meeting
- Autumn Event : *Action* to be discussed in New Year

## 7 AOCB

- 7.1 Oral history project : Lorraine suggested organising an oral history project for Holmehill. Everyone thought it was a good idea *Action* it should be considered further next Wednesday.
- 7.2 Girl Guides : David P mentioned that the Girl Guides are keen to be more closely linked to Holmehill (contact Beth Hamilton)
- 7.3 Talk : A dowser (water diviner) called Iain Orkney will be speaking at the local history society in January/February
- 7.4 The Fling Friday night will involve a Blues Band (Dave T+) and a ceilidh in the Braeport centre
- 7.5 Bird survey : Chris Spray has offered to undertake a bird survey of Holmehill *Action* Caroline C to discuss with him.

## 8 Future Meetings

Events Planning Meeting

Wednesday 28 November at 8.00pm at Dave Topliff's house (2 Back Croft)

Open Board Meeting

Wednesday 16 January 2008 at 7.30pm in the Archie Craig room in Leighton House in the Haining (No meeting in December).