

# Holmehill Ltd

## Minutes of Open Meeting of Board held on Wednesday 20 February 2008 in Leighton House.

**In attendance:** Steve Mason, Caroline Crawford, Malcolm Wilson, Dave Topliff, Andrew Gould, Tim Hughes, Lynn Ferguson, Phill Tebbutt, Cheryl Thomas

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Dave welcomed all present. Apologies were received from Rosemary Bland, Gerard Hastings, Grant Wilson, David Prescott and Sarah Aldred.

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the January meeting were approved after the Board added their thanks to Iona Leishman for raising £250 for Holmehill at her pre Christmas art sale.

Matters arising: \_

- Exhibition : One of the exhibition banner is to be sited at the Braeport Centre
- Oral history project : To be on the agenda of the March meeting
- Bird survey : Chris Spray has started the survey. It will continue to July
- Our Mem & Arts do not restrict us to considering Holmehill alone. Effectively our 'defined community' is Dunblane
- A reply has been sent to the letter from Allan Water Developments.
- Caroline has spoken to Jane Begg (Greenspace Officer at Council) who is working on Greenspace Strategy - should be ready in 12 months

### 3. Financial Update

We have a reasonably healthy balance.

### 4 Land

The Chair, two Vice Chairs and Secretary had met the previous Wednesday with representatives of the Dunblane Development Trust.

#### Land ownership issues at Bogside

- It appears that the conditions attached by Grace Donaldson to the sale of Bogside were cancelled when the Land Reform Act swept away feus. This means that, apart from the local plan and planning legislation, there are no restrictions on what can be built on the site, opening up again the question as to whether we should seek to register the site
- DDT is working on a new Community Plan (due next year) which would include proposals for Bogside. DDT intends to become a developer, owning land and property. This means, in theory at least, they could buy and develop Bogside - still much discussion to be had.
- Immediate agreed action was for a joint visit to the council to find out if they have plans for the site. Action Steve and David Gill (DDT)

#### DDT's registration of community interest in Braeport Centre

- DDT has asked for the assistance of Holmehill Ltd in putting together its application to register a community interest in Braeport Centre. Action : Steve and Caroline

## **5 Preparation for responding to planning application**

- Not discussed

## **6 Other initiatives**

- **Holmehill cards** : Agreed to get more prices and discuss at next meeting.
- **Action on S75 agreement** : Grant to progress

## **7 Events**

- **Jazz & Blues Nite** : To be held on 29 March with Blue to the Bone. Tickets will be available soon for members to sell (and on the website).
- **Dawn Chorus** : To be held on Sunday 11 May
- **Fling by the River** : To be held on Saturday 24 May - Dave and Caroline to plan the Holmehill contribution.
- **Family Funday** : 10 August 2008

## **8 AOCB**

- **Website** : We are getting 350 to 500 visits a month
- **Raising funds** : There was discussion about two options re raising funds for Holmehill through the website. Steve to distribute information so that the options (there are others) can be investigated and decisions made at the next meeting. Grant has agreed to do some research.
- **Marquee** : In view of the high cost of hiring them, it was suggested that the group could buy a marquee that could be used each year for campaigning, at the Funday and at the Fling (and hired out to other groups). Agreed to investigate options and discuss again at March meeting. Steve to distribute info.

## **9 Next open board meeting:**

- Wednesday 19 March 2008 at 7.30pm in the Archie Craig room in Leighton House in the Haining.

## **10 Future open board meetings**

- **April 2008** - Wednesday 16th at 7.30 in Archie Craig Room
- **May 2008** - Wednesday 21st at 7.30 in Archie Craig Room
- **June 2008 - AGM** - Wednesday 18th at 7.30 in the Braeport Centre

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NB Quorum for Board meetings - 30% of board members (5)