

Holmehill Ltd

Minutes of Open Meeting of Board

Wednesday 16 April 2008 at 7.30pm

in the Archie Craig Room in Leighton House in the Haining

Agenda

- 1 **In attendance:** Steve Mason, Caroline Crawford, Tim Hughes, Grant Wilson, Lorraine Stassin, John Stassin, Alison Brown, John Seddon
- 2 **Welcome and Apologies**
Apologies were received from Rosemary Bland, Sarah Aldred, Cheryll Thomas, Malcolm Wilson, Dave Topliff, Andrew Gould, Libby Hughes, Phill Tebbutt, David Prescott, Gerard Hastings and Rob Forrest
- 3 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
The minutes of the March meeting were approved

Matters arising

- **Land ownership issues at Bogside** - Steve had written to the council who would not comment on the conditions attached to the gift of land by Grace Donaldson. Exploratory meeting with the Council (planning, housing and estates) & DDT planned for Tuesday 22nd April. Action Steve and David Gill (DDT)
 - **DDT's registration of community interest in Braeport Centre** - Good progress has been made we should be able to submit in a couple of weeks.
 - **Holmehill Cards** : Steve has had more quotes. Caroline to seek out more images.
 - **Raising funds** : www.CharityChoice.co.uk - Grant has just about set this up on our website
 - **Land Reform conference** organised by Community Woodlands Association on April 25th at Abriachan by Loch Ness. Caroline and Steve invited to speak.
- 4 **Financial Update** : The Treasurer was not present. Not much happened last month.
 - 5 **Other initiatives**
 - **Oral history project** : Lorraine has planned a meeting for the last week of the month with Sue, Rosemary and Malcolm. Anyone else interested in joining - phone Lorraine (822027).
 - **Marquee** : No tents available to borrow from the scouts or the Council. Tim had visited GalaTent in Yorkshire and confirmed that they are a good buy. After much discussion, it was agreed to allocate £500 to the acquisition of a solid tent that would last and be safe. We can look later at whether hiring out is an option. Tim has space to store the tent. Steve to have final discussion with Dave T before placing an order. Grant to look into issues relating to insurance.

6 Events

- **Blues Night Review** : The organisers (Dave, Steve and Sandy) were thanked for their efforts. It was a good night and we raised over £530
- **Dawn Chorus** on Sunday 11 May : Caroline discussed the plans which include meeting at 5.00am. People are to phone her (824791) to book a place (they are limited) and to get further information. Cooked breakfast at Braeport Centre at 6.30ish - volunteers required (Alison, Tim + +)
- **Family Funday** on Sunday 10 August : There was an initial discussion about the day which will have a similar format but will be different in detail eg the Family Challenge on the hill will be composed of different challenges. The event is being advertised in the Stirling Summer Guide which comes out in June.

7 **Short term management of Holmehill by present owners** - It was agreed that we do not want to get involved in this. It is up to individuals to take up issues as they see fit.

8 **Planning the AGM** : It was agreed to invite two speakers - Jane Begg, Countryside Officer from Stirling Council and someone from the Community Woodlands Association. Action - Caroline and Steve

9 AOCB

Exhibition : One of the Exhibition boards is now installed in the Braeport Centre (Room 3)

Signage : We have sent the Council a letter requesting the erection of signs over Holmehill from Braeport and Perth Road.

Allan Water Developments : They have had a planning application refused for the construction of houses in St Ninians.

Stirling Walks : Alison suggested doing a leaflet for visitors identifying where Holmehill is and the walk that can be done over the hill. Action Alison and Caroline (DTP)

Day of meetings : Steve expressed concerns that Wednesday might not be the best night for meeting. Agreed to review possibility of reverting to a rolling day of the week. Agreed to discuss at August meeting.

10 Dates of Next Meetings

Wednesday 21 May 2008 in the Archie Craig Room in Leighton House

Wednesday 18 June 2008 at 7.30pm (AGM) in the Braeport Centre

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NB Other dates for your diary

Fling by the River (Holmehill contribution) Saturday 24 May