

Holmehill Ltd

Minutes of Open Meeting of Board

Wednesday 21 May 2008 at 8.00pm

in the Archie Craig Room in Leighton House in the Haining

1 In attendance: Steve Mason, Caroline Crawford, Lorraine Stassin, Jean-Marie Stassin, John Seddon, Rosemary Bland, Malcolm Wilson, Dave Topliff, David Prescott, Gerard Hastings

2 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Sarah Aldred, Andrew Gould, Tim Hughes, Libby Hughes, Phill Tebbutt and Rob Forrest

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the April meeting were approved

Matters arising

- DDT's registration of community interest in Braeport Centre - Part of application was submitted informally and Scottish Government have given comments on minor amendments to be made.
- Raising funds : Grant has set this up on our website. It requires an introductory page saying what we want donations for.
- Land Reform conference organised by Community Woodlands Association on April 25th at Abriachan. Caroline and Steve were two of the four invited speakers. It is clear that what happened to Holmehill has influenced the whole debate and led to subsequent applicants getting a better deal. £150 was earned for the group through speakers' fees.
- Marquee : 4x4 Marquee now bought - will be erected for first time at Fling by River. To be stored by Tim Hughes.
- Signage : A positive reply received from Stirling Council. They will erect signs over Holmehill but it may not happen quickly.

4 Finances

- There was no finance report due to the absence of the Treasurer

5 Other initiatives

- Oral history project : The first meeting of the sub group has been held. Raising awareness of the project is the short term aim. A press release has been prepared (also to go on website). Sub group members will be available in the Holmehill marquee at the Fling by River. Agreed to buy mobile phone for £50 with £10 top up. This can be used to contact the oral history project (can also be used in future for Holmehill generally).

6 Events

- Dawn Chorus : Many thanks to Caroline for organising this excellent event attended by over 40 people - to be repeated next year! We have 6 new members and raised over £100. Thanks also to Chris & Rhys who led the walk and all the helpers and donators of fresh eggs.
- Fling by the River (Holmehill contribution) : The marquee to be put up and to include face painting. Badge making, the oral history project and Dave Topliff telling tall stories (so what's new!).
- Family Funday : Sunday 10 August : First planning meeting on Monday 2nd June at 8.00pm at Allan Hill House in Braeport.

7 Bogside, Holmehill and Braeport : Steve reported back on a meeting held with the council and DDT. The council (planning and housing) has offered to meet with local groups to discuss the future of several sites. Issue to be discussed again when we have more time.

8 Planning the AGM : Andrew Thompson from Community Woodlands Association has agreed to speak. We have also invited Jane Begg from the Council. 3 board members have to stand down each year (one already has). Agreed to propose to AGM that we amend the Mem & Arts to say that board members who stand down can be re elected.

9 AOCB

- Core paths consultation : David Prescott mentioned the core paths consultation (separate email sent out on 30 May). Members/supporters are encouraged to email the council to support the core path over Holmehill
- CR2B : John Seddon reported that the people of Comrie have bought Cultybraggan camp from the MOD.

10 Date of Next Meeting

The AGM - Wednesday 18 June 2008 at 7.30pm in the Braeport Centre

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