

Holmehill Ltd

Minutes of Open Meeting of Board

Wednesday 20 August 2008 at 7.30pm

in the Archie Craig Room in Leighton House in the Haining

1 In attendance: Caroline Crawford (Chair), Malcolm Wilson, Libby Hughes, Phill Tebbutt, Steve Mason,

2 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from David Prescott, Gerard Hastings Sarah Aldred, Tim Hughes and Ian Macleod

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the May meeting were approved

Matters arising

Signage : Need to follow up the positive reply received from Stirling Council about the erection of signs over Holmehill. Action SM

4 Welcome to new board members : Libby was welcomed to her first meeting as a board member. Ian Macleod the other new member (and the new Treasurer) had to submit his apologies.

5 Finances

The Funday took in £445; the costs were marginally higher (not all invoices yet in). This is very positive given that last year's Funday cost us £500. We still have a healthy bank balance.

6. Initiatives

- Oral history project : Malcolm gave an update. Lorraine had found the Funday to be a success in getting people talking about their experiences of the hill. Further interviews are planned.
- Cards : It was agreed that we would try to have the cards available in time for Christmas and include a Christmas card. Action CC
- Calendar : After lengthy discussion it was agreed that we would not do a Calendar for 2009 (there just is no time to do a good job) but we will do one for 2010. The plan for 2010 is to focus equally on images of Dunblane and of Holmehill. We will invite all comers to take photos in each month/season so that we have a good representation when we come to choose the photos to include. We could give prizes to encourage people to take photos. Action SM
- It was agreed that we need new awareness raising initiative to undertake over the new 12 months. This should be discussed at the next meeting.

7 Report back on Events

- Fling by the River (Holmehill contribution) : The marquee was put up for the first time. We had face painting, badge making, the oral history project and Dave Topliff singing stories. It was a great day and we were there.

- Family Funday : Steve reported back on the second Funday which had gone well with over 200 people turning up and 15 families undertaking the Holmehill Challenge. It was valuable that we could join so productively with the Dunblane Council of Churches. Many thanks to everyone who helped on the day and for the dedicated planning group who were Katie, Caroline, Dave, Malcolm, Sandy, Alex Mitchell, Steve and Lynn.

8 Meetings over next 12 months

It was agreed that until a planning application is received or something else happens, meetings would be held every two months rather than every month. If it turns out that more frequent meetings are required, they can be organised speedily as and when.

There will be a break over Christmas/New Year and in the Summer. The meetings will now be in the first week of the month and on different days of the week. The meetings for 2008/09 will be held on:-

Monday 3 November in the Holmehill Annexe (behind Scottish Churches House)

Tuesday 3 February in Leighton House (Archie Craig Room)

Wednesday 1 April in Leighton House (Archie Craig Room)

Thursday 4 June in Scottish Churches House (Annual General Meeting)

Monday 7 September - in Leighton House (Archie Craig Room)

9 AOCB

- Sarah had alerted us to the fact that there have been some alterations to the Local Plan which affect the housing targets for Dunblane.
http://www.stirling.gov.uk/text_update_june_2007.pdf
Caroline had looked into this and, because of the planned Durieshill development near Plean, the projected additional housing required in Dunblane over the next 10 years is set at 50 which is less than previous estimates
- Libby advised the group that according to Bryan Grieve (quoted in the Allanwater News) Dunblane Development Trust was planning to hold a Funblane event in the High Street in August next year. There was concern that this might undermine the Holmehill Family Funday in August. Nobody was aware of this proposal. Caroline agreed to discuss with Bryan. Action CC
- Libby mentioned the £16k available each year to the Dunblane community from the Braes of Doune Wind Farm. Any ideas for projects that we could submit as an application?
- George Logan who took photos of Holmehill for us has a section of his website dedicated to Holmehill. It was agreed that our website should have a link to George's Action SM
<http://www.scottish-photography.co.uk/holmehill-commis.html>

10 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 3 November at 7.30pm in Holmehill Annexe behind Scottish Churches House.

Details of all future meetings can be found at <http://www.holmehill.org/HolmehillNews.html>