Holmehill Ltd

Minutes of Open Meeting of Board

Monday 3 November 2008 at 7.30pm in the Annexe to Scottish Churches House

In attendance: Caroline Crawford (Chair), Malcolm Wilson, Libby Hughes, Phill Tebbutt, Steve Mason, Ian Macleod, Gerard Hastings, Sarah Aldred, David Prescott, Alison Brown, Chris Spray, Malcolm Wilson, Rosemary Bland.

2 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Jean Marie Stassin and Lorraine Stassin

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the August meeting were approved

Matters arising

Braeport application: Getting close to submission (NB it was finally submitted later in November. The application was accepted; decision in late January))

4 Finances

New Treasurer, Iain MacLeod, reported that the finances remained healthy. Iain is now a signatory to the account.

6. Update on developments in relation to Holmehill

Signage: No word yet - Action SM (NB we subsequently heard from the Council that the signs for Holmehill will be ordered early in the new financial year and should be one of the first to be erected on the core paths network).

The site: There was discussion about the lodge house on Perth Road.

7. Activities in 2008/2009

Already decided:-

- Dawn Chorus walk one Sunday in May
- Fling by the River Saturday 30 May
- Holmehill Family Funday 2009 Sunday 9 August

Other possibilities discussed:-

- Raise the profile of Holmehill on the Tesco side of Dunblane
- Walks leaflet: Produce leaflet for visitors and locals alike describing walks on Holmehill (and perhaps Laighhills). Sponsorship from Hydro? Working group - Libby, Phill, Caroline, Alison. Joint with DDT - SM to email.
- Artists impression of Holmehill after development
- Music workshop (Dave T)
- Bat detectors, bird/bat boxes, bat event?
- Floodlight Holmehill (Steve, Phill, Grant)
- A community CD as produced in a number of areas including Edinbane on Skye. Iain, Steve, Dave (and anyone else interested) to discuss further
- Put up a sign to announce Holmehill

 Chris offered to undertake a wildlife survey of the hill - his offer was duly accepted (see Chris's proposal attached - for discussion at the February meeting)

SM to do timeline of events in 2009 - Action SM

Grant looking at event insurance - Action Grant

8. Update on Initiatives

- Oral history project: Progressing slowly
- Xmas Cards: The cards were available at the meeting. Caroline was thanked for all her hard work. There was discussion about where and when to sell the cards. David and Caroline to sell them at the charity Xmas card sale on Saturday.
- Calendar: Following our sell-out 2008 Calendar, we are planning to produce a 2010 Calendar. To do this we will need good quality photos taken in each month of the year. We are planning to have 6 photos of Holmehill and 6 of scenes in and around Dunblane. Every photo used will win a £20 prize. So get out your camera or your mobile phone now and send us your photos at holmehillcommunitybuyout@hotmail.co.uk - Action - SM to do press release

7 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 3 February 2009 in the Archie Craig room in Leighton House, the Haining, Dunblane

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