

# Holmehill Ltd

## Minutes Open Meeting of Board

Thursday 4 June 2009

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| 1 | <b>In attendance:</b> Libby Hughes, Alison Brown, Caroline Crawford, David Prescott, Steve Mason, Grant Wilson, Phill Tebbutt, Claire Watt, Iain MacLeod, John Seddon, Bill Moore, Chris Spray, Lorraine Stassin, Andy Gould and Jean Marie Stassin  | Action                                   |
| 2 | <b>Welcome and Apologies :</b> Apologies were received from Tim Hughes, Dave Topliff, Malcolm Wilson, Rosemary Bland.  |  |
| 3 | <b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b><br>The minutes of the April meeting were approved.<br><b>Matters arising</b><br><b>Signs :</b> Still no information about when signs over Holmehill to be erected<br><br><b>RCIL :</b> It was agreed that Allanwater's situation could change at any time and we must alert SG that we remain committed to taking on the hill. David P to draft a letter to send to SG to confirm position.<br><br><b>Allanwater :</b> It was agreed to check the submitted accounts of Allanwater Developments to see how they are surviving.<br><br><b>Diary :</b> Dave T to report back<br><br><b>Mem &amp; Arts :</b> Steve to send copy to all board members   | DP<br>AG<br>DT<br>SM                     |
| 4 | <b>Finances</b><br>We remain financially ok, although it would be useful to raise funds. We could get £1k+ from calendar and £500 from a blues night.  |  |
| 5 | <b>Sub Groups</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Oral history sub group :</b> The text is developing well with help from Lorraine's nephew. The layout has been improved by Olivia Booth. There are likely to be 3 booklets - 1. On the Donaldsons; 2 Memories of the Hill; 3 Memories of the Braeport School. Lorraine to speak to Bill Moore /Ian Adam who have lots of information. Caroline mentioned her conversation with Fiona Watson re the Radio 4 <i>making history</i> programme wondering whether Holmehill could be used as subject matter. Caroline to email members asking for views/ideas</li><li><b>Walks leaflet sub group</b> - Funding has been secured from Hydro (£1k) and SNH (£1k). Agreed we could add this sum from our coffers in order to ensure a good quality product. Sub group to meet with the illustrator next Wednesday. Should be ready by at July at latest.</li><li><b>Funday sub group :</b> The Funday will be held on Sunday 9 August. Most of the initial planning has now been undertaken and it is looking good. Please put the date in your diary - we will need lots of helpers. SM to draft flyer for primary schools - Claire to distribute.</li></ul> | Action<br><br>LS<br>CC<br>LH/CC<br>SM/CW |

## 6 Other Initiatives

### • Environmental Surveys :

- **Bird survey** - Chris distributed copies of the surveys he has been doing and his new blog which will be on a new Holmehill website (see below under AOCB). Thanks to Chris & Grant.
- **Tree event** - To be held in June 2010.
- **Bat event** - Planned for Friday September 11<sup>th</sup> in the Braeport Centre (room is booked). Need to do something about moths too!
- **Dawn chorus walk on 10 May** : Went really well - over 30 people. We had good press coverage. Thanks to all those who helped make it happen, particularly Katie, Malcolm, Phill, Caroline, Chris & Rhys.
- **Fling by River on 30 May** : We were there; Grant produced some Holmehill whisky wood key rings. Caroline did badge making. Dave & helpers put up the marquee. Thanks also to Alison, Libby & Malcolm.
- **2010 Calendar** : We will need images by early August because of time it takes to produce calendar. Caroline to arrange to see Marjorie Davis at the Museum to look through old images of Dunblane. Chris provided a CD of photos taken by himself and his son.
- **Halloween event** : Steve to discuss with Dave on his return.
- **Light show on Holmehill** : Good idea - need to think it through.

Action

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## 7 AOCB

- There was discussion as to whether Alan Watt, our independent financial examiner and husband of the Company Secretary, was sufficiently independent. Following discussion it was agreed that, because Claire had no involvement with the company finances, there was no problem.
- **Website development** : The existing website is not easy to keep up to date so Grant has set up an easy to update blog [Holmehillblog.org](http://Holmehillblog.org) which will be linked to [Holmehill.org](http://Holmehill.org). The idea is that [Holmehill.org](http://Holmehill.org) will carry all the static, unchanging information and the blog will carry Chris's bird blog, information about meetings, updates on subgroups etc. Several people will be able to update it rather than just Grant.
- Museum will be opening in June/July - good to make some links. Mention made of *2 men in a trench* - Neil Oliver and Tony Pollock.
- David mentioned the *Hanging together* group of artists wondering whether we could interest them in using Holmehill as a subject.

## 8 Date of Next Meeting

At 7.30pm on Monday 7 September 2009  
in the Archie Craig Room, Leighton House, the Haining