

# Holmehill Ltd

## Minutes Open Meeting of Board

Monday 3 November 2009

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| <p>1 <b>In attendance:</b>, Caroline Crawford, Steve Mason, Alison Brown, Claire Watt, Lorraine Stassin, Jean Marie Stassin, David Prescott, Rosemary Bland, John Seddon, Dave Topliff, Libby Hughes, Chris Spray, Malcolm Wilson.</p>  | <p>Action</p>                |
| <p>2 <b>Welcome and Apologies:</b> Apologies were received from Phill Tebbutt and Grant Wilson.</p>   |                              |
| <p>3 <b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b><br/>The minutes of the September meeting were approved.</p> <p><b>Matters arising</b><br/><b>Signs over Holmehill :</b> Still not arrived, but expected soon<br/><b>Walks Leaflet:</b> This has been widely distributed and well received. Heather Christie, who did the artwork, will send to Caroline Crawford a CD with the final pdf file of the leaflet, and also a version which could be later amended for future editions.<br/><b>Fun Day:</b> £50 was given by Holmehill to each the Museum and the Braeport toddlers for 'services rendered'. £50 was generously given to Holmehill by the Dunblane Council of Churches for those who attended after the Churches walk.<br/><b>Bat event on Friday 11 September:</b> A good evening. More that 50 attended, and lively involvement of young children. Anney Youngman gave an excellent talk and the group were led by her and Chris Spray by the river and on Holmehill. Many Dubenton's bats were seen by the river, but fewer bats on Holmehill. Consider repeating the event annually, or maybe having an emphasis on moths next time.<br/><b>Halloween event on Friday 30 October:</b> Dave Topliff organised a story-telling evening, enjoyed by those who attended. Unfortunately there was a disappointing attendance despite many posters in town.<br/><b>Community Woodlands Association:</b> Subs of £10 have been paid so that we are still members of the Association. None of the Holmehill group is able to attend the Community Woodlands Association conference at Loch Ness on 7/8 November.<br/><b>Allanwater Finances :</b> . Iain MacLeod's father (a retired accountant) has not yet taken a look at them.</p> |                              |
| <p>4 <b>Finances</b><br/>Steve Mason has kindly agreed to continue as Treasurer. We remain financially ok, with approx £3000 in the Bank.<br/>Invoices are still to be paid for the walks leaflet - so that we can claim the SNH grant [Libby to chase Uni Graphics and Print], and the Calendars. If all the Calendars are sold we should have approx £4000 in the Bank. £180 [9 x £20] has been paid as prizes for photos included in the Calendar. The OSCAR accounts have not yet been approved but Richard McMahon [accountant] is helping with their presentation.</p>  | <p>SM<br/>LH<br/><br/>SM</p> |

5	<p><b>Office Bearers:</b> Libby Hughes has agreed to act as secretary. Thanks were expressed for the excellent and efficient work Steve Mason has done as secretary in the past.</p>	Action LH
6	<p><b>Dunblane Community Plan 2009:</b> Caroline Crawford and Libby Hughes attended a meeting on 3 October, held to suggest final amendments to the Community Plan. Holmehill is well represented in the plan. An 8-page summary will be distributed to most households with the Community View Newsletter soon. The detailed Community Plan will be on the dunblaneweb.</p>	
	<p>Donald Balsillie , Countryside Team Leader for Stirling Council, was present. He was unaware of the Section 75 Agreement relating to Holmehill and the maintenance of paths. It was agreed to send him a copy of the agreement.</p>	CC/LH
	<p>Money may be available through the Central Scotland Green Network to ensure sustainable development of valued and cherished green spaces, such as Holmehill.</p>	
7	<p><b>Other Initiatives</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2010 Calendar:</b> 500 were printed to be sold for £5 each. David Prescott has distributed these to local shops, the Museum and Board members. So far sales are going well. David Prescott and Caroline Crawford will sell Calendars and Christmas cards [remaining from the 2009 print] at the Victoria Hall charity card sale on 7 November. Thanks were expressed to Alan Booth for his help in formatting and producing the calendar.</li> </ul>	CC/DP
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Oral History Project:</b> '<u>Memories of Holmehill</u>' is almost ready to be published as the first of a series of 3. [the 2<sup>nd</sup> to be on the Donaldsons, the 3<sup>rd</sup> on the Braeport School]. Thanks to Lorraine, Rosemary and Malcolm for all their hard work, and to Alan and Olivia Booth for helping with the pictures. An application has been made to the Windfarm Trust for £730 for printing costs. It is hoped to print 300 - 500 copies in A4 format and request donations when distributed.</li> </ul>	LS/RB/ MW
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Blues Nite</b> - The Victoria Hall has been booked for 20 March 2010. Dave T is looking for a Band. Steve M will do the application for a Drink's Licence.</li> </ul>	DT/SM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Environmental Surveys</b> : Chris described how he did a bird survey and showed us some of the results to date. He will list them and do a graph of birds observed, by month. In future lists of birds and other wildlife seen may be published as educational leaflets, including photos of what one would expect to see on Holmehill. It was agreed that environmental surveys, such as Chris's, are important in demonstrating that Holmehill is a valued greenspace. There was discussion about holding a <u>Wildlife Photography Workshop</u> to encourage observation and photography.</li> </ul>	CS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Website and Blog development</b> : Steve M will show Chris S, and anyone else interested, how to update the blog. The blog is intended for immediate and changing information. The website is intended for fixed information and will be updated annually. Steve asked everyone to look at the website to check that it is accurate and suggest changes. Thanks were expressed for Grant's continuing efforts in</li> </ul>	SM/CS/ LH

maintaining the website.

## 8 Board meetings in 2010

The agreed dates for next year's board meetings, to be held in Leighton House, are:-

Wednesday 3 February

Thursday 15 April in **Holmehill Annex**

Monday 7 June (AGM)

Tuesday 7 September

Wednesday 3 November

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## 9 AOCB

- **Dawn Chorus** we should do this again. Chris Spray to ask for permission to temporarily net birds for identification.
- **Chairing meetings** Caroline Crawford informed the meeting that she will be away for several months, including the next 2 meetings. Dave Topliff, Vice Chairman, agreed to act as Chair in her absence.

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## 10 Date of Next Meeting

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 3 February 2010  
in the Archie Craig Room, Leighton House, the Haining

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