

# Holmehill Ltd

## Minutes Open Meeting of Board

Wednesday 3 February 2010

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| 1 | <b>In attendance:</b> Chris Spray [Chair], Claire Watt, Lorraine Stassin, Jean Marie Stassin, Rosemary Bland, John Seddon, Phill Tebbutt, Libby Hughes, Steve Mason, Alison Brown, Malcolm Wilson, Katie Baker, Gillian Osborn and Geoffrey Osborn.  | Action           |
| 2 | <b>Welcome and Apologies:</b> Apologies were received from David Prescott, Caroline Crawford and Gerard Hastings.  |                  |
| 3 | <b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b><br>The minutes of the 3 November and 10 December meetings were approved.  |                  |
| 4 | <b>Matters arising</b><br>It was noted that in the recent edition of the Community View it was not clear that the map and plans of Holmehill had been submitted by Allanwater Developments Ltd. We should write again to CV to emphasise this.   | LH               |
| 5 | <b>Meetings feedback</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>With Bruce Crawford MSP on 18 January.</u> CS reported on how Bruce Crawford had listened to our concerns. He discussed our view on development on Holmehill and Dunblane generally. He emphasised the need for affordable housing in Dunblane.</li><li>• <u>LDP meeting on 25 January.</u> This meeting was attended by about 200 residents. CS described the presentation by Claire Milne, Head of Planning at Stirling Council, and the new planning process in formulating a plan for Stirling for 2012 - 2032. He agreed to write up notes of the meeting. It was agreed we should write to Nicole Patterson who is responsible for Open Space strategy at the Council.</li><li>• <u>With Graham Houston and Peter Morgan on 19 February.</u> CS, RB, DP and CW will attend. They will meet together before, but it was agreed they would stick to the 3 main points we had outlined in our letter to them.</li></ul> <p>A discussion ensued as to what development, if any, we would consider acceptable on any part of Holmehill. It was agreed that no housing on any part of the hill would be acceptable as this would threaten habitat and trees.</p> | CS<br>LH         |
| 6 | <b>Finances</b><br>The OSCR accounts have been approved. Thanks to SM. The Bank will have £4200 when the grant from SNH for the Walks Leaflet has been received.   |                  |
| 7 | <b>Other Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>2010 Calendar:</b> 500 were printed and sold for £5 each. All but a few had sold. Some money still to be received. Thanks to all involved.</li><li>• <b>Oral History Project:</b> '<u>Memories of Holmehill</u>' is at the printers. We may launch it with the re-opening of the museum, and consider a Press Release.</li><li>• <b>Blues Nite</b> - The Victoria Hall has been booked for 20 March 2010, and a drinks licence obtained. Dave T is looking for a Band. We need to find from whom we can hire/borrow glasses, or purchase biodegradable ones. Help will be needed setting up the hall and at the event.</li></ul>   | DT/SM/<br>PT/all |

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Environmental Surveys</b> CS now has 12 months' weekly records of birds on the hill including crossbills and woodcock. His surveys are in the BTO [British Trust for Ornithology] Atlas. Buck deer and foxes had also been seen. A survey of Flora and Fauna on the hill had been prepared by Steve McGrail for a walk on the hill on 15.04.05.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dawn Chorus</b> on Sunday 9 May. To be held for third time. CS will liaise with Rhys Bullman. CW will organise food and ask Debbie Spray to help. Also AB and LH. LH to book Braeport Centre.</li> </ul>	CS/CW/ LH
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Funday no.4</b> on Sunday 8 August. SM will organise a planning meeting soon. A good team in previous years, but any helpers appreciated. He has done it for 4 years and would like someone else to takeover after this year. As before, he will liaise with Dunblane Council of Churches.</li> </ul>	SM/all
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bats and Moths evening</b> September. CS will explore</li> </ul>	CS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wildlife Photography Workshop</b> It was thought that Lynne Bowser at Argaty may be interested as she is an excellent photographer. CS will ask Debbie Spray to ask Lynne</li> </ul>	CS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Calendars</b> It was agreed that alternate years is frequent enough as there is a lot of work and goodwill involved. We should aim to do one for 2012</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Greetings cards</b> We should produce another card in order to promote Holmehill, and not as a fund-raising exercise. SM will give the 3 CDs of George Logan's photos to PT and J-M S to select the best for discussion at next meeting. Maybe several designs. LH to get quotes for printing.</li> </ul>	J-MS/ PT/LH
8	<b>Website and Blog</b> S M will show CS, and anyone else interested, how to update the blog. AWDL expression of interest, as published in CV, to go on website. Also Walks Leaflet. Info to be sent to Grant	SM/LH
9	<b>Vision for Holmehill</b> We should consider a meeting thinking of the wider vision for Holmehill in the future, and liaising with other interested parties, such as the Wildlife Group, Scottish Churches Houses, Dunblane Council of Churches and the Museum	
10	<b>AOCB</b> SM has a photo of Holmehill, to be framed and given to the Hydro in appreciation of their support. The previous Manager, Tricia Fitzsimons, who was always most helpful, has left. There is currently no manager but Shonagh Gordon <a href="mailto:shonagh.gordon@hilton.com">shonagh.gordon@hilton.com</a> who is the Marketing Manager has agreed to be our contact.	
11	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Thursday 15 April in Holmehill Annex at 7.30pm	