

Holmehill Ltd

Minutes Open Meeting of Board at Holmehill Annex

Thursday 15 April 2010

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| <p>1 In attendance: Chris Spray [Chair], David Prescott, John Seddon, Phill Tebbutt, Steve Mason, Libby Hughes.</p> | <p>Action</p> |
| <p>2 Welcome and Apologies: Apologies were received from Lorraine Stassin, Jean Marie Stassin, Rosemary Bland, Caroline Crawford, Malcolm Wilson, and Graham Houston.</p> | |
| <p>3 Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes of the meeting on 3 February were approved.</p> | |
| <p>4 Matters arising
None that were not discussed under Agenda items</p> | |
| <p>5 Meetings feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>With Graham Houston and Peter Morgan on 19 February and with Colin Finlay on 18 March.</u> 4 Board members attended each meeting. They reiterated the 3 main points we had outlined in our letter to them, and emphasised that Holmehill is a valued green space which is actively used. Graham Houston, Colin Finlay and Peter Morgan were encouraging and recognised the Holmehill Group. They did discuss the possibility of building affordable housing on Bogside.• <u>Nicole Paterson.</u> She indicated that planning of the Open Spaces Strategy is in an early stage, and that it would be appropriate to meet with her at a later date. | |
| <p>We need to react to the Local Development Plan after it has gone to the full Stirling Council meeting on 22 April, and during the general consultation process in May/June. Responses to the Main Issues Report, the Housing Issues report and the Open Spaces Strategy need to be received by the Council by end July. To be discussed at next meeting, or call an extra meeting, if needed.</p> | <p>All/LH</p> |
| <p>6 Finances
SM reported that the finances remain in a healthy state.</p> | |
| <p>7 Other Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blues Nite -20 March 2010 in the Victoria Hall. A 'brilliant' evening. 120 attended. Thanks to all who helped in setting up, 'manning' and replenishing the Bar. Particular thanks to SM and DT. The excellent band was relatively costly, but a profit of £134 was made. In future consider slightly higher ticket price and Bar charges.• Oral History Project: '<u>Memories of Holmehill</u>' is at the printers. It will cost approx £600 for 300 copies. Once we have seen it, we will decide whether we should ask for donations or sell it, possibly with some of the cost going to the Museum and Library. We will wait until we have seen this publication before we decide on further leaflets. We had been unsuccessful in getting funding from the Windfarm Trust, but JS reported that there were many applications for funding. | <p>LS/RB</p> |

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greetings cards J-MS suggestions to be reviewed by SM and PT, considering pictures showing activity eg pets and people. Also consider one of Iona Leishman's pictures of Holmehill which she has kindly said we may use. LH had quotes from the Uni and Council printers. The Uni were cheaper, £270 for 250 each of 4 designs, size and layout similar to the previous Christmas cards. 	SM/PT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Surveys CS reported several issues. Some trees had come down in the heavy snow. A patch of grass had been burnt. Part of the stone wall on the Perth Road looks as if it may fall down. A tawny owl has hatched and fledged. Green woodpeckers, siskins and lots of roeddeer are present. Chiff chaffs are the first summer migrants to have been seen - very late after the harsh winter. CS has updated the blog with his observations. 	CS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawn Chorus 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 LH. LH has booked Braeport Centre, and to organise Press release. 5am start. Katie Baker will hold Holmehill phone for messages/booking. 	CW/CS/ Debbie S/LH
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fling by the River Saturday 29 May. We should be there. Good opportunity to promote Oral History booklet and Walks leaflet. LH to contact Fling Committee and request LS to be there and DT to help erecting marquee. 	LS/DT/ LH/all
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funday no.4 on Sunday 8 August. SM had a planning meeting with PT, MW, Katie Baker. He has booked the Owl demonstration, the Puppeteer and the Sax player. It will be on the hill, will be free to attend, and will involve a family challenge [to discuss with DT and Sandy Smith]. Budget of £500 was agreed. 	SM/DT/ all
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moths [and Bats] evening September. CS will explore 	CS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Photography Workshop The Wildlife Group recently had a talk from a wildlife photographer. LH to contact Wildlife group to discuss possible joint workshop on Holmehill. 	LH
8	AGM. CS will be away on 07.06.2010. We will have an ordinary meeting then, but the AGM will be re-scheduled for Tuesday 31.08.2010 , in the Braeport Centre, and the planned meeting for 07.09.2010 will be cancelled	LH
9	Website and Blog DT has agreed to take over running the website from Grant. PT has agreed to help. Thanks were expressed to Grant for his work in setting up and updating it. S M has shown CS, and will show LH, how to update blog.	DT/PT/ SM/LH
10	AOCB CS to check that he has forms to get his name on Holmehill Bank Account. SM has a photo of Holmehill, to be framed and given to the Hydro in appreciation of their support. DP noted that Smithy Loan is now One Way, so access to it is via High Street only.	CS SM
11	Date of Next Meeting <u>Monday 7 June</u> in Archie Craig room, Leighton House at 7.30pm	