

# Holmehill Ltd

## Minutes Open Meeting of Board in Archie Craig Room, Leighton House, The Haining

Monday 7 June 2010

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| 1 | <b>In attendance:</b> Dave Torliff [Acting Chair], David Prescott, Phill Tebbutt, Steve Mason, Caroline Crawford, Lorraine Stassin, Libby Hughes and Veryan Farr.   | Action |
| 2 | <b>Welcome and Apologies:</b> Apologies were received from Chris Spray [Chair], Jean Marie Stassin, Rosemary Bland, Malcolm Wilson and Alison Brown.  |        |
| 3 | <b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b><br>The minutes of the meeting on 15 April were approved.   |        |
| 4 | <b>Matters arising from the Minutes</b><br>None that were not discussed under agenda items.   |        |
| 5 | <b>Finances</b><br>SM reported that the finances remain in a healthy state, allowing us sufficient to maintain an awareness raising profile, and to campaign to preserve Holmehill.   |        |
| 6 | <b>Planning</b><br>The Main Issues Report for the new Local Development Plan has been produced, and the public has until 30 July to respond to this. The Holmehill group is acknowledged in the report, and its wish to maintain the hill as open space [MIR Ref DUNB06]. Stirling Council suggests approval for affordable housing on some of the land it owns [gifted by Grace Donaldson] [MIR Ref DUNB02]. It also seems to suggest approval for affordable housing on a small part of the land owned by Allanwater Developments, by the Perth Road [MIR Ref DUNB05].<br>A lengthy wide-ranging discussion took place, generally welcoming the MIR, but expressing concern of the impact of any housing on the hill.<br>It was decided that we needed a full open discussion on the response of the Holmehill Group to the MIR and, with this in mind, to <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• E-mail all Holmehill members to encourage them to attend the LDP/MIR roadshow at Braeport Centre on 10 June to inform themselves of the issues, and the impact of the plans on the open space.</li><li>• For Board members also to scrutinise the MIR and maps at the roadshow, and request the Council representatives for large detailed maps of Holmehill, showing the MIR plans.</li><li>• To encourage Holmehill members to attend the public meeting being arranged by the Community Council for 1 July.</li><li>• To encourage Holmehill members to send to the Board and to the Council their views on the MIR as it affects Holmehill.</li><li>• To hold an extra Board meeting on 20 July to draw together these views and formulate our response to the MIR</li><li>• To hold an open meeting on 27 July to ask Holmehill members to approve the response.</li><li>• To ensure the response is delivered to the Council by 30 July.</li></ul> | All    |
| 7 | <b>Other Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Oral History Project:</b> ‘<u>Memories of Holmehill</u>’ 300 copies of this excellent booklet have been produced and it was well received at the Dawn Chorus and The Fling. To be placed in the Library and Museum. Complimentary copies to be sent to our 4 local Councillors, Library, Scottish Churches Houses, DDT, DCC, Chief Exec Stirling Council, Planning Department, Open</li></ul>   | LS/LH  |

	Spaces Strategy. Where appropriate a suggested donation of £2, to cover printing costs, is to be requested.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Greetings cards</b> J-MS suggestions to be reviewed by SM. 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. CC will send contact details for another printer she has used - good quality and competitive prices.</li> </ul>	SM/CC/ LH
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Environmental Surveys</b> CS updates the blog regularly with his observations of birds and wildlife on the hill. It has been well received.</li> <li>• <b>Dawn Chorus</b> on Sunday 9 May. A big success for 3<sup>rd</sup> time with about 30 attending, including new attendees. Press coverage in Allanwater News and Stirling Observer. Thanks to all involved.</li> <li>• <b>Fling by the River</b> Saturday 29 May. We were there. Good opportunity to promote Oral History booklet and Walks leaflet and generally talk to people about Holmehill. Thanks to all involved.</li> <li>• <b>Funday</b> Sunday 8 August. After 3 excellent Fundays, decided not to hold it this year due to commitments of those who have done most of the work on previous occasions. Reconsider for 2011.</li> <li>• <b>Moths [and Bats] evening</b> September. CS will explore</li> <li>• <b>Wildlife Photography Workshop</b> Ask CS to contact Lyn Bowser at Argaty to see if she would run a workshop.</li> </ul>	CS     CS CS
8	<b>Website and Blog</b> DT has agreed to take over running the website from Grant. PT has agreed to help. DT will liaise with Grant in familiarising himself with it.	DT
	<b>Dates for Board meetings in 2011</b>	
9	Thursday 27 January Monday 28 March Tuesday 7 June Wednesday 31 August [AGM] Thursday 3 November	LH
10	<b>AOCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26.06.2010 10am - 1pm, a Community Groups Fair to be held in the Victoria Hall. We should be there to promote Holmehill, the Oral History booklet and the Walks Leaflet. LS requests some help</li> <li>• DDT has formed an Environment Group, looking at all Dunblane's open spaces and parks. LH attended the inaugural meeting to represent Holmehill.</li> <li>• CC informed the group of the Central Scotland green Network initiative which will involve all Councils in the central area identifying valued green spaces and should help Holmehill's cause.</li> <li>• LS informed the group that she is involved in the Dunblane Museum oral history project on education in Dunblane.</li> <li>• CC informed the group that the long-awaited signs for the path through Holmehill have been made and are ready to be put up.</li> <li>• DP suggested that the possible MSP constituency boundary changes, which would include Dunblane with Clackmannans, may benefit Dunblane</li> </ul>	LS/another Board member

11 **Date of Next Meeting**

- **20 July** for Board to formulate response to LDP/MIR [venue to be confirmed]
- **27 July** open meeting for Holmehill members to approve response to LDP/MIR. [venue to be confirmed]
- **AGM Tuesday 31.08.2010**, in the Braeport Centre, and the planned meeting for 07.09.2010 has been cancelled

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