

Holmehill Ltd

Minutes Open Meeting of Board held in the Braeport Centre, following the AGM

31 August 2010

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| 1 In attendance: Chris Spray [Chair], David Prescott, Phill Tebbutt, Steve Mason, Lorraine Stassin, Libby Hughes, Claire Watt, Malcolm Wilson, John Seddon, Alison Brown, Andy Gould, Guy Crawford, Jean Marie Stassin, Caroline Smillie, Alan Watt, and Graham Houston. | |
| 2 Welcome and Apologies: Apologies were received from Caroline Crawford, Dave Topliff, Richard Bland, Rosemary Bland, Jean Whyte, Geoffrey Osborne, Gillian Osborne, Alan Booth, Tim Hughes, Leonard Macer, Diana Davies and Martin Davies. | |
| 3 Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes of the meeting on 7 June were approved. | |
| 4 Matters arising from the Minutes
As recorded at the AGM, the Core Path signs over Holmehill have been erected.
Holmehill Group was represented at the Community Groups Fair in the Victoria Hall. Unfortunately this event was poorly attended. | |
| 5 Finances
Nil to add to report presented at AGM. | |
| 6 Planning
As reported by the Chair at the AGM, after open consultation with the membership, we have responded as a Group to the Main Issues Report of Stirling Council's Local Development Plan and to the Open Spaces Strategy. Appreciation of the Council's open and participatory consultation was expressed. Councillor Graham Houston was asked to convey our thanks to members of the Council Departments involved. When the draft Local Development Plan is published in May 2011 there will be a need to scrutinise it and comment on it. | |
| 7 Initiatives for 2010/2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greetings cards Still plan to produce 250 each of 4 different cards. We will use the University printers as we have good previous experience and the price is acceptable [£267 incl VAT, with envelopes]. We plan to use Iona Leishman's painting, and 3 other images selected by the meeting.• Environmental Surveys CS updates the blog regularly with his observations of birds and wildlife on the hill. We also discussed doing usage surveys of the hill, and it was agreed to explore this• Dawn Chorus early May. This to be held again in 2011.• Flora Day on Holmehill. Steve McGrail was contacted and suggested we plan this for May 2011. | CC/SM/
LH

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fling by the River Saturday end May. Good opportunity to promote and generally talk to people about Holmehill. We should be there in 2011. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funday. Reconsider for 2011. Some concerns as to how to arrange insurance. 	CS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moths [and Bats] evening September 2011. CS will explore 	CS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Photography Workshop CS to contact Lyn Bowser at Argaty to see if she would run a workshop. 	CS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holmehill T-shirt It was agreed this was a good idea. CW will contact Andrea [who designed the Holmehill logo] and a shirt printer 	CW
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012 Calendar We should begin taking images of Holmehill and Dunblane now so that a full year is represented. Ask Iona Leishman if she has an image we may use. Give £20 prize to anyone whose image is used. Publicise through Press. 	All/LH
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blues Night It is hoped DT will organise a similar event again. We should charge a bit more for admission and drinks. 	DT
8	Website and Blog DT, SM and PT will liaise with Grant in familiarising themselves with it, and combining both functions in blogger may simplify things.	DT
9	AOCB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of Holmehill As we do not own the hill we are unable to actively manage it for environmental benefit and sustainability. We should discuss this in more detail at the next meeting. Graham Houston kindly agreed to liaise with the landowner and hopefully broker a meeting between members of the Holmehill group and Allanwater Developments. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on experience with legislation. An email had been received requesting information on the Group's experience with the Land Reform legislation. SM will respond and involve DP, CC and RB. 	SM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dunblane Green Travel Map Launch on 21 September. We have been invited to send a representative. CW will see if she is available. 	
10	Date of Next Meeting	
	Wednesday 3 November in the Archie Craig Room, Leighton House, The Haining, Dunblane at 7.30pm. CS sends apologies. DT will be asked to act as Chair.	