

Holmehill Ltd
Minutes of meeting between Board and Keith Brown MSP
In the Cathedral Halls on Monday 5 March 7.30 pm

Present were:

Keith Brown MSP, Ellen Forson, his Constituency Manager, Holmehill Board members Chris Spray [chair], Dave Topliff, Caroline Crawford, Rosemary Bland, David Prescott, Phill Tebbutt, Claire Watt, Malcolm Wilson, Libby Hughes

Apologies:

Steve Mason, Lorraine Darwen

Chris explained the history and long term objectives of the Holmehill Community Buyout Group, including the protection afforded to the site by the Section 75 agreement, its designation as open green space in the Local Plan 1999 and Draft proposed Local Development Plan 2011, and it lying within the Dunblane Conservation Area. The Group wishes to ensure this protection is maintained and to develop Holmehill as a thriving natural environment for all the community.

We discussed the current planning application by Allanwater Developments Ltd to build houses on the Braeport meadow, and the fear that any building on any part of Holmehill currently owned by Allanwater Developments Ltd would destroy the integrity of the site, to the detriment of people and nature.

Keith stated that he was willing to work with the Holmehill Group and to offer advice and information, if needed. He discussed the pressure for affordable housing, which the Group acknowledges. He acknowledged that the Group has engaged with the Planning process and is working with the local elected representatives.

All present thanked Keith for his interest and support, and for making time to meet with us.

AOCB: Anne McGuire MP has offered to meet us. Friday 13 April, late morning or afternoon, was identified as the most suitable date for as many of the Group as can be available. LH will liaise with her PA.

Next Open meeting of the Board in the Braeport Centre, Dunblane on Tuesday 20 March at 7.30 pm