

Holmehill Ltd

Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Board
Braeport Centre, Dunblane
Tuesday 20 March 2012 at 7.30 pm

- 1 Present:** Chris Spray, Jean Marie Stassin, Lorraine Darwen, Steve Mason, Don Hopper, Sue Richardson, Libby Hughes
- 2 Apologies received from:** Rosemary Bland, Richard Bland, David Prescott, Maud Crawford, Guy Crawford, Graham Houston, Alison Brown
- 3 Minutes:** of meetings of 3 November 2011, 23 January , 7 February and 5 March were accepted
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes:** [not on the agenda]
 - A detailed response had been sent to Stirling Council, by the Holmehill Community Buyout Group, during the consultation period on the Draft Proposed Local Development Plan
 - Blues Night on 12 November. Unfortunately this was not well attended and made a loss of £200.
- 5 Finances:** are satisfactory, £2000+ in account
- 6 Planning Application 11/00788/FUL:** Holmehill Community Buyout Group made a detailed objection to this. Many individuals and groups have also objected. It was good to note the wide interest and support of many members. This may be the first of several planning applications, and we may need to ask members to respond to each one. We understand the application is still open for comments, pending a bat survey.
- 7 Environmental surveys:** CS continues to do these and posts them monthly on www.holmehillblog.org. The hill remains a haven for wildlife. 6 deer were sighted on the hill at one time. A Wheatear has been seen [very early in the season]. The rooks are noisy and busy nest building. A report had been received on the post-mortem of the adult female tawny owl – cause of death is unknown. There was no evidence of injury or rodenticide.

- 8 Adopt a Path Survey:** LH submitted this for winter. We need to do this quarterly, or when any problems are identified. As the path over Holmehill is a Core Path, Stirling Council Rangers will prioritise keeping it free from obstruction.
- 9 Holmehill Calendar 2012:** Again excellent quality. Sales were slow, possibly reflecting the economic climate. £250 profit. A copy sent to MP, MSPs and Councillors.
- 10 Fling by the River 26 May:** We will be there to promote Holmehill and Holmehill Community Buyout. Volunteers [and Dave T!] will be needed to erect marquee and 'man' it. LD will do an 'I Spy' quiz to encourage people to spot things on Holmehill.
- 11 Dawn Chorus 6 May:** As before, a walk by the river and over Holmehill with ornithologists, followed by a hearty breakfast in the Braeport Centre. CS will co-ordinate and ask CW and DS to organise breakfast. LH will do Press Release and contact members nearer the time.
- 12 Meeting with Archaeologist 27 January:** for next meeting when DP present.
- 13 Website and Blog:** RB managing this brilliantly. He's keen to hear of any suggestions, comments and if anything is broken.
- 14 AOCB:** Anne McGuire MP has kindly agreed to meet members of the Group. Friday 13 April 11.30 – 13.30. Plan to walk over the hill and then provide lunch [in Wallace Room, Cathedral Halls].
- 15 Next meeting:** Wednesday 13 June, 7.30 pm, Braeport Centre.