

Holmehill Ltd

Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Board in Cathedral Halls, Dunblane
Monday 12 November 2012 following the AGM

- 1 **Attendance:** The meeting was attended by Chris Spray [in the Chair], Caroline Crawford, Libby Hughes, David Prescott, Lorraine Stassin, Malcolm Wilson, Alastair McCulloch, Guy Crawford, Tim Hughes, Graham Houston, Chris Toop, Mike Christmas, Nicola Wishart, Sue Richardson, Ken Richardson, Diana Davies, Martin Davies.
- 2 **Apologies for absence:** Jean Marie Stassin, Alison Brown, Steve Mason, Claire Watt, Dave Topliff, Richard Bland, Rosemary Bland, Nicola Cunningham, Mary Toop, Wray and Janice Vamplew, Pat and John Kissock, Bill Stewart, Anne McGuire MP, Fred Shaw, Kevin Curtin, Gerard Hastings, Sarah Aldred, Moira Campbell, Don Hooper, Graham Whitaker, Margaret Ainsworth, Mark Ruskell, Geoffrey and Gillian Osborn.
- 3 **Minutes of meeting** 23 August were accepted. We still need to arrange to meet Mike Robbins, Provost Stirling Council, and to contact the Woodlot Association. **Action LH**
- 4 **Finances:** satisfactory, as reported at AGM.
- 5 **Proposed Stirling Local Development Plan.** This has been published and representations can be made to the Council by 10 December 2012. The Holmehill Community Buyout Group will respond. We will also encourage as many members as possible to respond positively supporting the designation of Holmehill as Open Green space within the Conservation Area.
CS asked the meeting for their views on the proposed building of affordable houses on the adjacent land at Bogside. He informed the meeting that he had an email from the Planning Department assuring that the line of mature trees, mainly oaks, and the rare Dawn Redwood would be preserved. No building would take place outwith the HO20 site shown on the LDP.
There was discussion about the importance of retaining the vista and landscape features of the hill. Members will be emailed, and the blog will be updated, advising how to respond. **Action LH/RB**
- 6 **Responding to Scottish Government consultation on community empowerment.** David Prescott did a lot of work on this, and submitted a response on behalf of the Holmehill Group.
- 7 **Review of Land Reform Legislation.** DP agreed to prepare a response to this, in particular highlighting the experience of the Holmehill Group. **Action DP**
- 8 **Planning Application 12/00544/PPP:** has yet to be decided. Legal advice is being sought in connection with the Section 75/50 agreement. No traffic assessment had been submitted with the application and the recent roads department report was considered unsatisfactory. Smithy Loan residents will encourage their neighbours and parents of St Marys schoolchildren to write and give their views on this report.
- 9 **Environmental surveys:** on going, always interesting and informative. Posted on www.holmehillblog.org and species numbers on BTO website. **Action CS**
- 10 **Events/initiatives/fundraising** We need new, fresh ideas. CC and LS agreed to form a fundraising group. All ideas welcome. **Action CC/LS**
- 11 **Website and blog:** Richard Bland does a great job keeping this up to date
- 12 **Dates for 2013 meetings**
Tuesday 22 January
Wednesday 17 April
Thursday 13 June
Monday 2 September AGM
Tuesday 12 November
- 13 **Date of next meeting** Tuesday 22 January 2012 at 7.30 pm LH 2012-11-17