

Holmehill Ltd

Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Board
In Cathedral Halls, Dunblane
Wednesday 22 April 2015, 7.30 pm

1. Attendance/apologies

Present were:- David Prescott [in the Chair], Caroline Crawford, Steve Mason, Dave Topliff, Phill Tebbutt, Mike Christmas and Ian Adam

Apologies were received from :-Chris Toop, Alison Brown, Chris Spray, Graham Houston, Mike Robbins, Joan Newman, John Newman, Geoffrey Osborn, Gillian Osborn, Mary Birch, Anthony Birch, Jean-Marie Stassin, Steve Moizer, Andy Mitchell, Rosemary Bland, Richard Bland, Lorraine Darwen, Libby Hughes.

2. Minutes of meeting : The minutes of 3 February 2015 were accepted. There were no Matters Arising
3. Dunblane Charrette : The progress to date and the meetings planned for next week were discussed. Everyone was encouraged to attend as many of the sessions as possible. All
4. Community Land Ownership : David was thanked for attending a working group at Scottish Government re the Government target of securing one million acres in public ownership by 2020. Steve mentioned research that the Scottish Government had commissioned on the community right to buy. He had been interviewed about the DDT experience in relation to the Braeport Centre. He had suggested the researchers speak to the Holmehill Group.
5. Finances, We have £1800 in the bank SM
6. Bogside : David provided an update on progress of the project team which met on 13 April. The sections and elevations are making clear progress. There was discussion about which trees would be retained and which would have to go to enable the development to progress.

Caroline suggested that when the planning application is made we seek a not uncommon stipulation that an area round the base of each remaining tree close to the development should be fenced off in order to protect the trunk and the roots.

Other points : It is a damp site; there is a lack of light; would the fencing all around the site be replaced?. DP/DT

7. Litter Pick : This was discussed and a date of 6 June at 11.00am was suggested. Caroline offered to do a leaflet. CC
8. Fling by the River : This is to be on Saturday 30 May. We have paid for a pitch. Steve will organise for the Marquee to be erected and taken down. Anyone who can spare some time to be in the tent to speak to folk, please contact Libby. SM
9. Other possible Fundraising/events/initiatives
The Guides Christmas Card sale raised £28
Hallowe'en event Sunday 25 October CC/others
Possible Teddy Bear's picnic, depending on how the meadow regenerates
10. AOCB :
 - Caroline mentioned the Outdoor Learning being undertaken by St Mary's Primary in Kippenrait Glen (they used to go to Holmehill). The children had produced some excellent work.
 - There was discussion about a tree at the back of Smithy Loan
 - Dave suggested that we created a space for young people on Holmehill by dragging the big sections of tree trunk into a circle – a performance space?
 - It was noted that the conifer is still on the core path
11. Date of next meeting
7.30 on Thursday 11 June 2015 (brought forward from 18 June due to holiday commitments of Chair & VC). This will be in the Wallace Room in the Cathedral Hall.

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