

Holmehill Ltd

Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Board
In Cathedral Halls, Dunblane
Thursday 11 June 2015, 7.30 pm

1. Attendance/apologies

Present were:- David Prescott [in the Chair], Chris Toop, Mary Birch, Anthony Birch, Ian Adam and Libby Hughes

Apologies were received from :- Alison Brown, Rosemary Bland, Caroline Crawford, Richard Bland, Lorraine Darwen, Mike Christmas, Steve Mason, Chris Spray, Maud Crawford, Guy Crawford, Paddy Holmes, Peter Holmes and Andy Mitchell.

2. Minutes of meeting 22 April 2015 were accepted. No matters arising.

3. Finances satisfactory. £1800, with a payment to be made for use of Cathedral Halls, balanced by the £30 to be banked for new members , sale of cards and donations taken at The Fling.

4. Dunblane Charette. The first report was rejected by the steering group and has been sent back for re-working. Holmehill was discussed as an important part of the town centre. There were some very scathing comments from school children about the state of the hill. It is no longer being used by schools for educational purposes due to environmental damage.

5. Community Empowerment [Scotland] Bill. The third reading is to be in Parliament next Wednesday [17th June].

6. Bogside A planning application has been made by Forth Housing Association to build 8 units. Unfortunately the central Metasequoia will be removed if the application is approved. Some trees near Perth Road also need to be removed and some conifers on the rising ground behind may be removed to improve light, particularly in winter. It was agreed that we should write to the Planning Officer requesting

- a 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 during the construction phase.
- The other Metasequoia on the site is preserved and protected
- Re-placement planting of a Metasequoia elsewhere on the site

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7. Fling by the River Saturday 30 May. A lovely community event, well attended, and helped by sunny weather. It was important to be there to maintain our presence. There is continuing interest in, and support for the Holmehill group. We welcomed some new members, made a few sales, and received donations.

8. Litter-pick to be re-scheduled for autumn, before the Hallowe'en event CC/LS

9. Environmental surveys and Core path surveys ongoing. The large fallen conifer branch has been reported to Stirling Council, but is not obstructing the Core path.
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10. Date of next meeting and AGM
Wednesday 2 September, 7.30 pm, Cathedral Halls. It will be important to ensure a good attendance so that we are quorate.

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