

Holmehill Ltd

Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Board

in Cathedral Halls, Dunblane on Wednesday 15 June 2016 at 7.30 pm.

1. Attendance

Steve Mason, Dave Topliff, David Prescott, Sue Harley, Phil Tebbutt, Richard Bland, Rosemary Bland, Alison Brown, Jim Waterworth, Claire Watt, Libby Hughes

Apologies

Steve Moizer, Mary Birch, Anthony Birch, Diana Davies, Chris Toop, Graham Whitaker, Brigitte Beck-Worener, Dave Stubbs, Caroline Crawford, Paddy Holmes, Peter Holmes, John Newman, Mike Stevens

2. Minutes of previous meeting were approved

3. No matters arising

4. Finances - Income £434.00 Spent £441.00 - balance £1799.63

5. Bogside development - the trees have been felled but no work has started. Waiting for BT and Stirling Council to carry out some work before building can commence.

Post meeting note work starts on site on Monday 27 June

6. Planning applications – at the time of the meeting there had been no decision. Since the meeting we have learnt that both applications [16/00036/FUL and 16/00057/FUL] to build an office block/mansion have been refused.

Peter Morgan is leaving the planning department in August

7. Fling - lovely day, steady trickle of visitors to the tent and 9 people signed up to get email information in future. It was agreed that we should go back to having some kind of activity for children such as colouring. Exactly what can be discussed again at the January meeting. David thanked all for their help

8. Events and initiatives - Dave Topliff suggested that we need to have a social event such as a dance or Ceilidh. There was some nervousness about this bearing in mind the the Blues Night made a loss. Sue Harley suggested that if organising a Ceilidh invite the Liltin' Lassies to perform as they would bring lots of family and friends and Dave Topliff added that it could be a Ceilidh in the truest sense with songs, poems and stories. It was agreed that this could be held in Feb/March perhaps around the time of the equinox. Dave Topliff and Steve Mason will talk to the Dunblane Centre in the hope that they might get involved and they will email looking for support and ideas.

The Hallowe'en event is our major fundraiser but takes a lot of organising. David Prescott questioned whether the catering was too much hard work but it was generally agreed that people really enjoyed this aspect. Caroline will not be available to help organise it so an email will be sent out looking for volunteers to join an organising group as well as for help on the day.

9. Core paths - Libby has been continuing to walk the path. There is now a Stirling Council path repair officer. It was suggested that any approach to him should be made through the DDT Path Group rather than the Holmehill group. There seems to have been some matter removed from areas of the path, although it is unknown by whom. Steve Mason will investigate if this is the case as it seems to have done some damage to the path. David Prescott suggested that the path should be discussed at the next meeting and an approach for repair work made if considered necessary.

10. Future plans - this to be discussed when the results of the planning applications are known

11. AOCB

- Rosemary Bland suggested a silent auction as a future fundraiser as these can prove very profitable
- David Prescott will attend the Girl Guides Christmas Card sale again
- Alison Brown suggested that there should be a Holmehill exhibition in the Museum and Sue Harley asked whether there is anything there about the history of Holmehill. Libby Hughes will speak to Lorraine Stassin about this

12. date of the next meeting - the next meeting will be held after the AGM on Wednesday 31st August