

Holmehill Ltd

Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Board

Cathedral Halls, Dunblane, Wednesday 10th November 2016, 7.30 pm.

Present: David Prescott (Chair), Jim Waterworth, Sue Harley, Phil Tebbutt, Caroline Crawford, Cllr Graham Houston, Steve Moizer,.

Apologies: Chris Spray, Steve Mason, Nicola Cunningham, Tom Cunningham, Rosemary Bland, Richard Bland, Andy Mitchell, Maureen Mitchell, Brigitte Beck-Woerner, Frances Rankin, Tim Hughes, Libby Hughes, Anthony Birch, Mary Birch.

Minutes of the last meeting: Were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising:

1. Museum display: Lorraine Stassin is doing oral history of Dunblane at present. Then she will look at making a Holmehill display.
2. Arts Guild Exhibition: This was held in the Cathedral and the pictures successfully displayed. Thanks to Caroline and Libby.
3. New members: We have five new members and one new contact
4. Girl Guides Christmas Card Sale: £35 was taken, and many contacts made or renewed.

Finance: Steve Mason provided an e-mail report. £253 was taken by the Spooky Fun and £35 from the Christmas Card Sale (see above). £372 will need to be paid to the accountant. We have a slightly lower balance in the bank than formerly.

Bogside development: This is progressing quite rapidly. The buildings fit in well with the surroundings and have all been allocated.

Planning Appeals Review: Dave Prescott has spoken with Sheila McLean at Stirling Council. The papers for the appeal are all in now. The review meeting will be public, but the first session is likely to be short and a site visit will be arranged before the next session. A letter from Bracewell Stirling to the Council, on behalf of Allanwater Developments, was discussed.

A number of people who said that they had objected to the original proposals, noticed that their names did not appear on the Council's list of objectors. This will be examined separately, after the review.

Spooky Fun: The meeting recorded many thanks to Alison Brown, who organised the event at short notice. It went well, although not as busy as previous years. This was thought to be better as the hall was not so crowded.

Events/Initiatives 2017: Events planned include the Fling, Hallowe'en, Christmas Card Sale and possibly one other.

Environmental Surveys: The autumn colours are impressive. A red squirrel has been sighted on Ramoyle. It was agreed that anyone sighting a red squirrel should tell Sue Harley, who will report it to 'Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels', and note it for our own information.

Core Path Surveys and Maintenance: Libby Hughes has this in hand.

Tree Planting on Council Land: The Nature Kindergarten on Ramoyle, have contacted Caroline. They have 100 trees (hawthorn, cherry, hazel), given to them by the Woodland Trust, and are looking for somewhere to plant them. It was suggested that they could be put beside the new development at Bogside. Caroline will suggest that they contact Donna Mills at Stirling Council. Caroline will e-mail Sue with the contact for the Kindergarten, to forward to Graham Allan.

Further Plans: We await the outcome of the Planning Application Appeal Review.

Any Other Business: There was no other business.

Meeting dates for 2017: These were agreed as follows:

Wednesday 8th February
Thursday 6th April
Thursday 8th June
Tuesday 5th September (AGM)
Thursday 9th November

Date of Next Meeting: The meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm** in the Cathedral Halls, Dunblane