

## Holmehill Ltd

### Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Board

Cathedral Halls, Dunblane, Wednesday 8th February 2017, 7.30 pm.

**Present:** David Prescott (Chair), Jim Waterworth, Sue Harley, Phil Tebbutt, Alan Booth, Robin Davis, Andy Mitchell, Rosemary Bland, Richard Bland, Libby Hughes.

**Apologies:** Steve Mason, Geoffrey Osborn, Gillian Osborn, Loraine Stassin, Caroline Crawford, Maureen Mitchell

**Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes were accepted as a true record.

**Matters arising:** There were no matters arising

**Finance:** Steve Mason reported by e-mail that we have £1571.76 in the bank.

**Bogside development:** This is progressing. There has been a problem with the location of the drains, which involved additional digging in the road. Occupation anticipated in March.

**Planning Appeals Review:** The Local Review Body met on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. David Prescott reported that it comprised three councillors, from wards other than the one in question, and trained to do the review. There will be an accompanied site visit on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 10.00am, which is purely factual, followed by a final review in Viewforth, at 11.30am. David suggested that a maximum of three people from the Holmehill Board attend. Various suggestions were made, and will be at David's discretion. (Post meeting Note – Both appeals rejected by Stirling Council) **Action David Prescott**

**Events/Initiatives 2017:** Events planned include the Fling by the River on the last weekend in May, Hallowe'en (Spooky Fun) and Christmas Card Sale. It was also decided to hold a Teddy Bear's Picnic in August. Sue Harley agreed to contact the pre-school playgroup and nurseries, to discuss suitable dates.

It was agreed to prepare a leaflet about the group and its work, which could be given out to the public at events. Richard Bland agreed to coordinate its production.

**Environmental Surveys:** Chris Spray's work in producing a monthly blog about the wildlife on the hill, was acknowledged and appreciated. The great variety of birdlife was noted. Caroline provided a link to the red squirrel reporting website as follows: <https://scottishsquirrels.org.uk/squirrel-sightings/>

**Core Path Surveys and Maintenance:** Libby Hughes walked the core path with John Newman, the core path officer, and a report was submitted to the Council. It was noted that the path is being kept in good condition.

**Tree Planting on Council Land:** The Nature Kindergarten didn't actually have any suitable trees left, so the project was abandoned.

**Further Plans:** The production of a calendar for 2018 was also discussed in some detail. Alan Booth agreed to take it forward. **Action Alan Booth**

**Any Other Business:** There was no other business.

**Date of Next Meeting:** The meeting will be held on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm** in the Cathedral Halls, Dunblane

Further meeting dates for 2017 are: Thursday 8th June  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September (AGM)  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November