

Birse Community Trust

Minutes of Board Meeting 18th April 2017

Trustees: Jean McLeod (Chair), Doug Boyle, Guy Haslam, John Hector;
Apologies: Jonathan Kitching, Robert Dinnie (Patron);
In Attendance: Rick Paul (Secretary to Board), Jane Winton (Administrator);

1. Introduction

1.1 The Agenda was confirmed and two apologies noted. Two items for AOB were noted.

2. Minutes of Previous Board Meetings

2.1 The Minutes of Meeting on 21st March 2017 were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4. Finances

4.1 Management Accounts: The previously circulated income / expenditure in the first quarter was noted.

4.2 Annual Accounts 2016: It was noted that the 2016 Accounts had been delayed and would be circulated by email for agreement when received.

4.3 Callendar Trust: It was noted that a donation had been received following recommendation from the Rev and Mrs Forbes. RP will send letter of thanks.

4.4 Endowment Fund: It was agreed to transfer the interest from the Endowment Fund to A/C 2 and restrict it for a specific use.

5. Administration

5.1 Annual Report 2016: The previously circulated draft report has been sent for printing.

5.2 AGM Papers: The invitation wording, mailing contents and schedule of AGM were agreed.

5.3 AGM Event: It was agreed that GH, DH and DB would lead Mills groups and RP agreed to park cars. It was also noted that the previously circulated powerpoint by GH would be presented at the AGM.

5.4 Membership: - It was noted that the BCT Parish list had been updated from the electoral roll and JW will email updated lists in due course.

6. Properties

6.1 Slewdrum Forest: It was noted that the three EE mast early access documents had been signed and that the lease is with EE's lawyers at present.

6.2 Forests: The previously circulated deer cull 2016/17 tables were noted. It was also noted that RC is due to attend a managers meeting with the estates on 26th April.

6.3 Mills: The previously circulated Management Planning paper was noted and the Aims and Objectives paper was endorsed as a draft for the next stage in the future of the Mills. It was agreed that RC & DH will negotiate an agreement with DDSFB & SEPA regarding the weir repair and also a written agreement with S Moyes regarding the Bucket Mill for approval by the board. It was also noted that receipt of HES's copies of the plans of the mills were very helpful.

6.4 School Wood: It was agreed that RP will consult with the school and investigate applying to "Paths for all" for funding to replace the picnic benches.

6.5 Old School: It was noted that JH and IH had resolved the problem concerning the flow of water from the dyke.

7. Other Projects

- 7.1 Archive: It was noted that due to holiday time there was no progress with the Archive.
- 7.2 Flag: The previously circulated designs for a new flag were discussed and agreed.

8. Any Other Business

- 8.1 Land Rights & Responsibilities: It was noted by JH that Andrew Thin is to speak at Aberdeen University on 26th May as Chair of the Scottish Land Commission.
- 8.2 Ant Hills: It was noted by JH that some of the ant hills on the forest road seem to have lost their tops, DB said he will further investigate.

9. Board Meetings

- 9.1 Board Meetings: It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th June at 7.15pm in the Archive Building. It was agreed that the BCT / BCo meeting will be held later in the year and that there shall be no meeting in the Luncheon Hut this year.



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27/6/2017

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