

# BIRSE COMMUNITY TRUST

## Minutes of Board Meeting 25th Sept 2017

Trustees Present: Guy Haslam (Chair), Doug Boyle, John Hector, Jonathan Kitching, Allan (Hedge) Shand;

In Attendance: Rick Paul (Secretary to Board), Jane Winton (Administrator);

### 1. Introduction

1.1 The Agenda was confirmed and no apologies were noted. There was one item for AOB.

### 2. Minutes of Previous Board Meetings

2.1 Minutes of Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017 for approved and signed.

### 3. Matters Arising

3.1 Management Accounts: It was agreed to monitor all accounts and to renew the endowment fund with BoS for another year.

3.2 School Wood Bench: It was noted that the bench has arrived and that FCA had contributed towards the cost.

3.3 Glamping: It was noted that GH replied to Eoghan Cameron and he does not intend to pursue this further.

### 4. Properties and Projects

4.1 FoB Commony: It was noted that the Trustees support the proposal to re-route the Fungle Road, but do not support further planting in the Commony without more justification. RC is due to meet with Birse Estate to discuss these and other matters.

4.2 Slewdrum: It was noted that the construction of the mast is complete and payments received apart from the electricity supply which is awaiting wayleave agreement. It was also noted that road repairs are in progress and that the BDA are holding a carriage driving event on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

4.3 Balfour Forest: It was noted that thinning is in progress and that there is more timber than anticipated and that Birse Estate are also extracting timber down through Balfour.

4.4 Finzean Mills: It was noted that the design for the weir is finalised and DH & RD will get started when the water level allows. It was also noted that an application to Tesco Bags for Life has been submitted.

4.5 Meeting with ETBK: DB and JK attended this meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> August and that quotes for repairs to the church roof are being requested.

4.6 Archive: It was noted that SL is progressing with the Archive sort out and GH is to contact Alison Bell's re her Creative Writing Course.

4.7 Primary School Project: It was noted that Aberdeenshire Council are to assess the building and that the school will provide the public liability cover.

4.8 Playpark Proposal at: It was agreed that RP will contact B2C2 about the possibility of a playpark on Potarch Green.

## 5. Administration

5.1 General Principles: It was agreed that in order to employ a manager there would need to be projects for him/her to manage.

5.2 Stake holder meetings: The feedback from the meetings that GH has had with the Estates, the Community Councils/Associations and RC was discussed. The feedback was generally very positive and supported the Trustee's current aim to improve the engagement between the Trust and the wider community. All parties believed that the BPLG was a good thing and the next BPLG meeting will be on 7th November.

5.3 2017 Action Plan: It was agreed to discuss the 2017 Annual Plan at the next meeting.

5.4 Membership: It was noted that the membership remains in a stable position.

## 6. Any Other Business

6.1 Photos: Trustees were reminded of the need for photos of BCT activities for the Annual Report.

6.2 Remembrance: It was agreed that RP will contact the Church Session Clerk to discuss Corsedardar service.

6.3 Charity: It was noted that charitable status rules are changing and that JH Mitchell will keep us informed of any updates.

## 7. Board Meetings and Visits

7.1 Board Meetings: The next meetings will be Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15 pm in the Old School Archive.

7.2 Site Visits: The next site visit will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November.



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31/10/2017

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