BIRSE COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Board Meeting
21st April 2015

Trustees Present: Jean McLeod (Chair), Doug Boyle, Jonathan Kitching, John Hector, Anita Stutter
In Attendance: Robert Dinnie (Patron), Jane Winton (Book-keeper), Robin Callander (Adviser), Rick Paul (Secretary to Board)

1. Introduction.

The Agenda was confirmed. There were no apologies and one item for Any Other Business was noted.

2. Minutes of Previous Board Meetings.

The Minutes of Meeting on 26th March 2015 were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising.

- Finzean Old School: It was noted the fire safety check has been done for April.

4.1 Endowment Fund: It was agreed that DB will phone bank again to add JW as a signatory.

4.2 Annual Accounts: The 2014 Accounts were signed and a copy was given to each Trustee.

4. Finances.

4.1 Management Accounts: The income and expenditure documents for the first quarter were distributed and noted.

5. Administration.

5.1 Memorandum and Articles: It was confirmed that the revised proposed amendments had been agreed.

5.2 AGM Papers: It was noted that the Annual Report and other papers had been mailed to all persons on the 2015 electoral register. It was agreed the Notice and Agenda for the AGM should be added to the Explanation of the Special Resolution on the website.

5.3 AGM Event: It was confirmed that JH would find his own nominees and that DB would get in touch with Mark White about his nomination. It was agreed that it is important for Trustees to encourage members to attend the AGM. The Agenda items to be managed by different Trustees were agreed. It was also confirmed that RC will circulate amended briefing notes, that Ellie Flather will be asked to take some photos on the night and that Louise Counsell and other local people are to perform local tradition music after the formal business.

6. Properties.

6.1 Forest of Birse Commonty: It was noted that DB had reported the trail bikers to Police Scotland on behalf of BCT. It was also noted that this year's tree planting has been completed.

6.2 Forests: The annual deer cull statistics to 31st March were noted. It was also noted that progress is being made with BP DMG Report for 2014/15 for the DMG meeting on 6th May.

6.3 Finzean Sawmill: It was noted that the lade boarding has been repaired and that, while repairs are due to the top of the generator lade, an important project that needs to be considered is the repair or replacement of the main sluice gate at the weir.

6.4 Community Woods and Path: It was noted that some hazel trees have been planted in the Community Woods and that it is planned to spray parts of the Community Path.

7. Other Projects.

7.1 Land Acquisitions: It was confirmed that the SLF is due to consider the application for Slewdrum at its Committee meeting on 14th May.

7.2 Site Visits: It was noted that the numbers so far for the Slewdrum visit on 26th April are low. It was agreed that a possible BBC Radio Scotland programme on the Soutar's Shop would have a number of disadvantages and that RC should respond declining the opportunity.

8. Any Other Business.

8.1 Donation: It was noted that Rev & Mrs J Forbes will be thanked for the generous donation from the Callendar Trust

9. Board Meetings and Visits.

9.1 Future Board Meetings: It was confirmed that the next meetings will be on Tuesday 26th May at 7:15pm in the Soup Kitchen. It was also agreed that there will be a BCT/BTCo meeting at the Birse Luncheon Hut in the Forest of Birse Commonty on Sunday 14th June at 3.30pm, with the proposed arrangements to be confirmed by RC.

Signed..... Date.....