Birse Community Trust

Minutes of Board Meeting
14th June 2015

Birse Luncheon Hut, Forest of Birse Commonty

Trustees Present: Jean McLeod (Chair), Doug Boyle, Jonathan Kitching

Apologies: Anita Stutter, John Hector, Mark White, Rick Paul.

In Attendance: Robert Dinnie (Patron), Jane Winton (Book-keeper), Robin Callander (Adviser), Paul Chapman (BTCo Director), Dorothy Dinnie, Ellie Flather, Dale Kitching.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Agenda was confirmed and four apologies noted. There was no other items for AOB.

2. Minutes of Previous Board Meetings

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

3. Matters Arising

3 (4.1) Endowment Fund: Trustees signed further paperwork due to the addition of a new Trustee, for BCT to be able to open the new investment account.

8.1 FCA / BCA 40th Anniversaries: It was noted that BCT's messages of goodwill had been sent to both Associations.

4. Administration

4.1 AGM: It was noted that a letter will be sent to Catriona Farquharson regarding the saltire.

4.2 Membership: It was noted that there have been 46 applicants so far. The email notification for successful applicants was discussed and agreed with a smaller logo. It was noted that the membership description on the website will have to be amended following the change at the AGM. It was agreed that JW will produce some stamped addressed envelopes to go with application forms, to help with recruiting further members.

4.3 BTCo: It was confirmed that the meeting was the annual meeting for 2015 between BCT Trustees and BTCo Directors. It was noted in discussion that BTCo intends to make a donation to BCT during the year.

5. Properties

5.1 Slewdrum: It was noted that the SLF grant contract has been signed by BCT and that RC has instructed J & H Mitchell to contact the FCS lawyers over the purchase.

5.3 Finzean School Wood: RC reported on the proposal that BCT has received from Guy Haslam for a memorial to John Forster in the School Wood, and on his subsequent site meeting and email exchanges with GH. A number of concerns were noted about the proposed design and arrangements, and it was agreed that RC would continue his discussions with GH to try to develop a proposal that can be agreed by BCT and the proposers.

6. Strategic Plan 2016-20

6.1 Forest of Birse Commonty: RC circulated a paper listing headings related to the Forest of Birse Commonty. He then gave a presentation that reviewed the current position and noted changes that BCT might aspire to see in the Forest of Birse Commonty over the five year period of BCT's next Strategic Plan.

7. **Any Other Business**

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8. Board Meetings

8.1 Luncheon Hut: It was confirmed that RC will send a 'thank you' letter to Birse Estate for the use of the Hut. It was agreed to see if BCT can use the Hut for a meeting again in 2016 at roughly the same date. DD was thanked for providing the excellent cakes.

8.2 Board Meetings: It was noted that the next meeting will be Tuesday 4th August at 7.15 pm in the Old School Archive, with subsequent meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.

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