

BIRSE COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Board Meeting

14th October 2019

Trustees Present: Guy Haslam (Chair), Nancy Davidson, Jonathan Kitching, Alison Bell, Hedge Shand, John Hector.

In Attendance: Eoghan Cameron (Manager), Rick Paul (Secretary to the Board).

Apologies: Toby Rider, Jane Winton (Administrator).

1. Introduction

1.1 The agenda was confirmed and apologies noted.

2. Minutes of Previous Board Meetings

2.1 The minutes of meeting on 17th September 2019 were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 The smoke detector and emergency lighting checks for September 2019 were completed.

4. Administration

4.1 Management Accounts: Trustees reviewed the third quarter income and expenditure figures. GH noted that there were still some grants and invoices for the 'Aye, it was aabody' project to come in 2019. GH to speak to BTCo on the 2019 donation.

EC to chase up the Natural Regeneration grant for the Community and the disposal of plastic tubes.

GH to ask JW to give a short overview of the accounts and the 2020 budget at the January Trustee meeting.

5. Properties and Projects

5.1 Old School AHF Bid: AB and GH to meet with Sian Loftus to discuss the next steps and timing of the grant applications for the Old School buildings.

5.2 History and Heritage: The book launch at Finzean School was a great success. Over 60 people attended the evening talk by Sir Geoffrey Palmer. The next stage is to try to organize a link with the school in Kingston.

5.3 e-bikes: EC to look for a potential scheme manager.

5.4 Website: Trustee feedback was sent to Sitecut who have modified the layout. EC has forwarded the revised wire diagram to Trustees.

5.5 Broadband: Broadband in the Old School is now operative.

5.6 Community Cider: The visit to Cults needs to be rescheduled (EC). There is the possibility that BCT could be a hub for local growers to pool their crops.

5.7 Birse Kirk: Repairs are now scheduled for 20th April 2020.

5.8 P.A. Equipment: No progress due to holidays.

5.9 BPLG Annual Meeting: This is set for 12th November. RP to contact Davie Hector.

5.10 Slewdrum Track: Doug Boyle has this in hand.

- 5.11 Remembrance: GH and Amy Pierce (the new Minister) will lead the service. GH to contact Natalie to decline her offer. RP to identify a piper to play at the event.
- 5.12 School Path: Finance is in place to complete this project. GH to ask Andrew Douglas if the overhead light could be on a timer.
- 5.13 Estates' Meeting: This is scheduled for 15th November. Any Trustee is welcome to join GH and EC.

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 Signs: When minor changes are incorporated, the 4 signs will be ready for manufacture.
- 6.2 Solicitors: J and H Mitchell's invoice was approved. RP to advise Sarah Brown and JW.
- 6.3 Balfour Cycle Tracks: GH to email TR to understand whether Aberdeenshire Trails Association is managing the current and potential cycle tracks in Balfour or just the Chutney Nudger. JK to keep a watching brief for BCT.
- 6.4 BCT Flag: RP to ask JW how repairs are progressing.

7. Meetings and Visits

- 7.1 Board Meetings: The final meeting for 2019 is 26th November. Dates for 2020 are 14th January and 18th February.

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