

BIRSE COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Board Meeting 25th February 2020

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

Apologies: Hedge Shand,

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

1. Introduction

1.1 The agenda was confirmed.

2. Minutes of Previous Board Meetings

2.1 The minutes of meeting on 28th January 2019 were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 The smoke detector and emergency lighting checks for January 2020 were completed.

4. Finances

4.1 Management Accounts: Trustees agreed to transfer the endowment funds into an interest bearing account. GH to instruct Jane Winton accordingly.

4.2 Commony Accounts: GH presented the previously circulated accounts and explained that spending will reduce in the coming years as trees get established and plastic tubes are recycled. TR to liaise with EC and Doug Boyle re new Forest Agent.

4.3 ETBK and Finzean Hall: Trustees approved £500 donations to both ETBK for Kirk repairs and FCA for tarring the hall car park.

5. Administration

5.1 Insurance: the insurances have been renewed per last year. BTCo to advise whether the woodlands policy will need extending to cover mountain biking in Balfour.

5.2 AGM: GH to liaise with Sian Loftus over the draft Annual Report. AGM location/date TBA as original date of June 7th clashes with the Kiltwalk. Potential to move to June 14th.

6. Properties and Projects

6.1 Commony: Removal of tree tubes continues.

6.2 e-bikes: EC reported that he had met with Ballogie Estate and Mid Deeside, and had discussed items such as maintenance, insurance and funding. EC to write to Ballogie to confirm that should BCT be successful in obtaining funding, they would be willing to provide administration, storage and breakdown assistance.

6.3 Slewdrum Swiping: complete.

6.4 Tree Planting: GH contacted Alan and Ursula Butchart. As BCT has no immediate tree planting programme, they have offered to clear drains on the Deeside Way.

6.5 Corsedardar: additional stone placement pending.

6.6 Old School Project: Trustees agreed that GH should instruct Douglas Westwood to proceed with funding bids to HLF and HES.

6.7 Website: a draft version will be available for the next meeting.

6.8 Signs: the new signs are now all in place. Two further signs related to the slavery project are to be placed on the school path, and Davie Hector will secure the bench at the top of the path.

7. Any Other Business

- 7.1 Open Doors: confirmed as 19/20th September.
- 7.2 Deeside Catchment: there is a meeting on 27th March. JK and AB to attend.
- 7.3 BCT Manager: EC is moving away to Perthshire. GH asked the Trustees to look for potential replacements in order to ensure that we have a number of candidates.
- 7.4 Trustees: JK and JH have indicated that they intend to retire at this year's AGM. GH asked the Trustees to think about potential Trustees whom we might approach and report back at the next meeting.
- 7.5 Paths Day: there is a meeting at Logie Coldstone on March 21st. GH to attend.

8. Board Meetings.

- 8.1 Board Meetings: Dates for 2020 are 31st March and 28th April both 7:15 p.m., Archive Room.

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