BIRSE COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Zoom Board Meeting

17th December 2024

Trustees Present: Alison Bell, Simon Lindsey, Robert Dinnie, Liz Bracegirdle.

Apologies Nancy Davidson.

In Attendance: Toni Watt (Manager), Rick Paul (Secretary to the Board).

1. Introduction

1.1 Acting Chair AB welcomed the Trustees and team to the meeting and noted one apology.

2. Minutes of Previous Board Meetings

2.1 The minutes of meeting of 19th November were agreed and will be signed when the board next meets in person.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Fire Safety: The smoke detector and emergency lighting checks were completed for November 2024.

4. Administration

4.1 The Ord: RD to report to the board as and when significant progress occurs.
4.2 Financials: SL's discussions with local Transition Manager are ongoing.
4.3 New Trustees: Trustees discussed the possibility of co-opting a Trustee mid-term, as well as recruiting a local member.
4.4 Old School: The school books stored short term in the middle room are destined for a charity in Africa. No children were involved in their movement. RD to provide feedback on thoughts for the Old School. Spring workshops, e.g. signwriting, were discussed.
4.5 BTCo: Trustees agreed that they should be more aware of what is happening in both Slewdrum and Balfour forests. The forests should be the main topic of January's meeting. In the meantime the Trustees and team will read the forest plans and formulate questions that will enable them to understand better the workings of the forests,

5. Projects

5.1 Souter's Shop: The recent open day was very popular and successful. Grant applications continue with TW having two meetings with potential grant bodies this week.
5.2 Mills: Trustees noted that there is a North UK Mills Zoom meeting on 22nd January 2025. TW/RP have details if anyone is interested.

6. Manager's Report

6.1 Bucket Mill: AB, TW and RP to meet to discuss lease related questions from our solicitor.

7. AOB

None

8. Meetings

8.1 Trustees agreed to meet on:-

Tuesday 14th January 2025, Old School, 7:15pm. LB to chair.
Tuesday 11th February 2025, Old School, 7:15pm. RD to chair.

Signed..... Date…….....