

# **KIRKHILL & BUNCHREW COMMUNITY TRUST**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2004**

### **1.0 PRESENT**

1.1. Les Bates, Sandra Hogg, Alan Humphries, Erik Lundberg, Mary McArthur, Donald Shiach, Lindsey Stout, Ann Thornton. Wendy Reid from DTA Scotland in attendance.

### **2.0 APOLOGIES**

2.1. Ged Church, Fiona Clarke, John Finlay, Archie Prentice.

### **3.0 HORSE GROUP**

3.1 Mary McArthur and Ann Thornton reported that a group had been formed to identify horse users and issues in the community, clarify road user rules, negotiate with landowners for access and form a working party to keep horse paths clear. They also wish to repair the footbridge at Balcarse and to provide a route from Inchmore to Newtonhill. SH advised that the Highland Access Project was now finished but other funding sources may be available. DS welcomed the group to the Trust and invited them to nominate a member as a director. EL to email headed paper and group to send minutes to EL. W. Reid offered contacts with the Borders Horse Path Project.  
**Action: E. Lundberg**

### **4.0 PRESENTATION BY DEVELOPMENT TRUST ASSOCIATION SCOTLAND**

4.1 Wendy Reid, Development Officer with DTAS, gave a presentation on its work and invited KBCT to become a member. There is no legal definition of a Trust and each responds to the different requirements of their community but KBCT appeared to satisfy the five criteria for organisations to be classed as a Trust. DTA England has been established for 10 years and DTAS started in May 03. It now has 35 members plus 5 pending. It is a company limited by guarantee and provides networking for trusts, guidance to new ones and lobbies government on their behalf. It has a grant scheme for networking visits, training and projects. It has a website [www.dtascot.org.uk](http://www.dtascot.org.uk) and publishes an E bulletin 4 x year. Membership is £60/year (April-March) which includes space on their website, reduced conference fees and regional meetings. It has funding for 3 years, which is likely to be extended. A Board of Directors is elected from members. Most members are rural but some are now urban. Highland members include Boat of Garten Trust, Beauly & Glens, Banff and she is seeing Merkinch Enterprise tomorrow. DS thanked her for the presentation and advised that the Board would consider joining under AOCB. WR then left the meeting.

### **5.0 MINUTES OF MEETING ON 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2004**

5.1 The minutes of the meeting were approved.

### **6.0 MATTERS ARISING**

- 6.1 Item 7.4 Strategic Vision – SH to organise an evening event for October/November in the Community Centre for the Board and active members. **Action: S. Hogg**

## **7.0 TREASURER’S REPORT**

- 7.1 Financial report circulated by SH and attached. Firewood sales likely to continue for the foreseeable future.
- 7.2 Insurance premiums due for renewal and tools to be included – approximately £300. The Park Group is aiming for the new equipment to be adopted by THC therefore there should not be an on-going insurance liability.

## **8.0 FUNDRAISING**

- 8.1 The Gala bottle stall raised £140 and a car boot stall will be held at the end of September. LS reported that the 50/50 split worked well for the KDAA considering the weather.
- 8.2 100 Club results; 1) L. Stout, 2) J. Patience, 3) C. Bruce, 4) E. Shiach.

## **9.0 SECRETARY’S REPORT**

- 9.1 Highland Well-Being Plan – response made and being considered by Highland Well-Being Alliance.
- 9.2 Invite from Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator to Inverness event on new legislation.
- 9.3 Request for Annual Return from Companies House. £15 cheque received from SH. EL has updated their records of our directors.
- 9.4 Emails from John Addison, Structural Engineer re Beaully Footbridge – advised him it is on hold for now.
- 9.5 Letter from KDAA thanking us for doing the bottle stall.
- 9.6 Lotteries return sent to THC for 100 Club.
- 9.7 Information on surplus SEPA photocopiers – sent to KDAA.
- 9.8 Information on “Future Builders” website report.
- 9.9 Information on PRIN Local Biodiversity Action Plan launch on 11<sup>th</sup> September.
- 9.10 Information on Waste Free seminar in Dingwall by Rowan Tomorrow – EL to attend.
- 9.11 Applications for membership received from James C. Hartley, Pamela J. Hartley, Mary McArthur, Ann McArthur, Ann Thornton and Anne Shaw. Membership now 88.
- 9.12 Updated membership list and list of Group members distributed to Board. 22 Active members as at 04.09.04.

## **10.0 FOOTPATH GROUP**

- 10.1 Footpath questionnaire results circulated and attached. Future plans being considered.
- 10.2 THC may adopt the Moniack footpath for repairs and insurance but we will still have to do the strimming, which will have to be organised on a permanent basis.

**11.0 PANTOMIME**

11.1 Planning in progress for next event in February 05.

**12.0 WASTE GROUP**

12.1 Inchmore Recycling Site working smoothly. Next Community Clean-up planned for October, Wildflower meadow and Christmas Tree chipping projects being considered.

**13.0 WEBSITE**

13.1 Site live and additional information being added. Clubs and businesses being approached for entries. Email contact is [admin@kirkhillandbunchrew.org.uk](mailto:admin@kirkhillandbunchrew.org.uk).

13.2 The Drumchardine exchange is now enabled for Broadband.

**14.0 WOODLAND GROUP**

14.1 The Group has rejoined the Community Woodland Association. There is scope for an appraisal of the woodland and there are no benches or other facilities yet. A community woodland day is still to be organised. Thinning will restart after the leavers are off the trees. There is new land reform legislation and an audit of the land may have to be held. The Trust may wish to buy all or some of the wood from Forest Enterprise and may register an interest now.

**15.0 AOCB**

15.1 DTAS – After discussion the Board agreed to join the DTAS.

**16.0 NEXT MEETING**

16.1 Next Board meeting to be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm. The Bogroy Hotel will be closed for renovation and EL to investigate Kirkhill Primary School.

End.