

KIRKHILL & BUNCHREW COMMUNITY TRUST

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

15th AUGUST 2005

1.0 PRESENT

- 1.1. Les Bates, Sandra Hogg, Erik Lundberg, Mary Macarthur, David Rogerson, Donald Shiach.

2.0 APOLOGIES

- 2.1. Ged Church, Lindsey Stout.

3.0 LAND PURCHASE STRATEGY

- 3.1 Following the presentation by Lucas Chapman at the last meeting, the system for land purchase was reviewed and (animated) discussion held on the best way forward. To register interest in a piece of land (or a building) that is not on the market community support has to be demonstrated by a majority vote in a ballot with a 50% turnout. A case is then made to the Scottish Executive and, if accepted, the community has first right of purchase when it comes on the market. Lucas noted that as we are a relatively affluent community we are less likely to be given a high level of funding. SE are not likely to allow late registrations in the future therefore land of interest has to be identified in advance. There is a different system for community management or ownership of Forest Enterprise land. Registering interest is the end of the process – communities are expected to try negotiation first. DS noted that ownership should be a means to an end and not an end in itself. There would have to be a strong feeling about the land in the Trust then the community would have to be galvanised to make a positive vote a possibility. There would be a risk of raising expectations by a community wide consultation that could not be met. A ballot would need to be held in the whole parish area and it would be difficult to identify land/issues that would generate sufficient interest to win a ballot. SH noted the limited capacity of the Trust to organise further major projects. Groups to consider the best way forward on methods of consultation leading to a community event in the New Year. Action to be agreed at the next meeting.

4.0 FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

- 4.1 Comments on the papers produced at the last meeting given to SH and revised versions to be discussed at the next meeting. **Action: S. Hogg**

5.0 WEBSITE

- 5.1 Need for a Content Manager to expand its use and develop material accepted. Thanks noted to Michael Strong for his good work on the technical side. Ideally 2/3 people would work together with MS. A workshop on the website may be held at the Community Event.

6.0 STRUCTURE OF AGENDA

6.1 Each group to do a brief written report on their activities and pass to EL for circulation prior to the meeting. The report is to identify specific issues for discussion and decision at the meeting. EL to list correspondence, again identifying issues where decisions are required. If there is a speaker the agenda is to be cut back by DS & EL. Board meeting to be held every 2 months and will hopefully be shorter. Forthcoming meetings to be on 12th September, 14th November and 16th January. Order of group reports to be reversed.

7.0 COMMUNITY DRAMA EVENT

7.1 DS to speak to Alan Humphries re possibilities. A professional performance would have to be attached to an educational event to attract funding. DS spoke to Robert Livingstone from HiArts regarding a timescale and the funding system. There is a possibility of an event in the Relig Glen woods.

8.0 AOCB

8.1 SH may be attending the DTA conference through her work.

8.2 Biodiversity Training Day – LB has devised a programme for an event in late September/October (next Crannog deadline is 15th October). SH to confirm it would be covered by the Trust insurance. LB to email information to EL for circulation.
Action: S. Hogg, L. Bates

8.3 Footpath maintenance – Thursday 18th August (unless raining) 6.30pm. MM raised the issue of a fence at the Moniack end of the footpath between the path and the road.

9.0 NEXT MEETING

9.1 Monday 12th September, 7.30pm in the Old North In, Inchmore.