

KIRKHILL & BUNCHREW COMMUNITY TRUST

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

8th DECEMBER 2003

1.0 PRESENT

1.1. Ged Church, Sandra Hogg, Erik Lundberg and David Rogerson.

2.0 APOLOGIES

2.1. John Finlay, Alan Humphries, Ally MacNeil and Elizabeth Shiach.

3.0 MINUTES OF MEETING ON 29th SEPTEMBER 2003

3.1. Ally MacNeil was present. Subject to this amendment the minutes of the meeting were approved.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING

4.1. Item 6.4 100 Club – member list received and emailed round.

4.2. Item 7.2 Community Well-being Plan – SH to discuss with George Hogg and email note to Board. **Action: S. Hogg**

4.3. Item 7.3 Senscot list – modified as requested.

4.4. Item 7.5 Crannog donation – cheque sent to Martha MacEwen.

5.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

5.1. £2,574 in bank £783 set aside for Footpath and £960 for Recycling Site, leaving £830 unrestricted funds. £100 paid to Crannog, £271 for insurance. Car Boot Sale raised £93.71 – thanks noted to Annie and Val. Firewood sales have raised £65.

5.2. Awards for All (Lottery) application being considered for website. Organisations allowed one application/year therefore applications from KBCT Groups have to be co-ordinated. All grant applications to go through Treasurer and Chairman/Secretary. Groups to give an idea of projects and funding requirements for 2004/5 at the Board meeting following the AGM to allow approaches to be co-ordinated.

5.3. 100 Club – 22 members. EL to distribute list to Board for them to approach new members. 1st A. Dobie, 2nd F. Clarke, 3rd G. Fisher, 4th A. Humphries. **Action: E. Lundberg**

6.0 FUNDRAISING

6.1. Quiz sheet in preparation (*later seen for sale in Kirkhill PO*).

6.2. It was agreed to run the bottle stall at the Kirkhill Gala next year.

6.3. A sponsored walk is being considered.

7.0 SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 7.1. Letter of thanks received for Crannog donation.
- 7.2. Form for Lotteries Act Registration renewal from THC – passed to S. Hogg. **Action: S. Hogg**
- 7.3. Leader+ invitation for grant applications – passed to S. Hogg.
- 7.4. Letter and form sent to Companies House re new Director J. Finlay.
- 7.5. Tiny Feet event in November received – distributed to members at the time.
- 7.6. Emails received regarding Inchmore footpath and horse users.
- 7.7. SHN Landscape policy document – DR to review and comment at the next Board Meeting. **Action: D. Rogerson**
- 7.8. Autumn Crannog received, including KBCT Website questionnaire.
- 7.9. KBCC minutes for 9th October meeting.
- 7.10. Senscot bulletins received – emailed to Board and all members invited to be added to distribution list.
- 7.11. Development Trust Association information and application – SH to review and comment at the next Board meeting. **Action: S. Hogg**

8.0 FOOTPATH GROUP

- 8.1. Designation of Footpath – THC say there is not a walker sign available but, unless otherwise marked, it is for walkers. Fingerposts are walker signs and walkers are deemed to be aware of this. The issue has gone quiet since shortly after the last meeting. Horse users have been invited to form a group under the Trust banner and a meeting is to be arranged with them.
- 8.2. A further count is to be taken from the counter on the Inchmore footpath using SH's PC.
- 8.3. Future path projects are now to be considered and the Aird Links strategy document is to be reviewed. Grant application for funding of feasibility study to be considered.
- 8.4. GC to contact Douglas Murray at Fountain Forestry regarding the progress of the Management Plan for Newtonhill Woods and the path network in the woods. **Action: G. Church**

9.0 PANTOMIME

- 9.1. The next pantomime will be Christmas 2004.

10.0 WASTE GROUP

- 10.1. The preparation work for the Inchmore Recycling Facility is now complete and the sign is to be erected tomorrow. A 'Grand Opening' is to be organised.
- 10.2. A talk is to be given on the Ross-shire Waste Free project by Sheila Wickens in Kirkhill Primary School on Tuesday 3rd February. The school children will also give a presentation on their work under the Eco-School programme.

- 10.3. A Community Clean-up was held in Kirkhill in October, including the road to Inchmore and the new footpath. There was a photo in the Inverness Courier of the helpers. The next one will be in April.

10.4. WEBSITE

- 10.5. A Group has been formed to organise the Community Website – ‘KirkhillandBunchrew.com’ comprising Sandra Hogg, Mark Lomax, Erik Lundberg and Lindsey Stout. Two others may join the group and others are welcome. We are registering with ‘Workwithus’ through the SCVO to host the site and development of the layout is continuing (£25 membership approved). All local groups will be invited to have a listing and provide content. It is envisaged that there will be a page for each of the Trust Groups and they should consider what text and photos/images they would want to display. There were not many replies to the questionnaire but all were positive. Asking the public directly at an event like the gala may provide a higher level of responses to surveys in the future.

11.0 WOODLAND

- 11.1. 3 members attended the Community Woodland Association conference and had an excellent weekend with many useful contacts made. L. Bates attended the Civic Forum conference as the CWA representative.
- 11.2. Thinning at Reelig continues. A tool store has been established at Croft 7 – thanks to Les Bates for providing the space.
- 11.3. An event is to be organised in Reelig Glen woodland in may or September 2004 to raise the profile of the wood and work being carried out and provide a social event for the community – funding to be sought.

12.0 AOCB

- 12.1. AGM will be on Monday 8th March 2004. It was suggested that this is made more of a social event with representatives of local groups invited to hear about our activities. Alternative venue from Bogroy also to be considered. EL to email Board for comments and GC to develop format. **Action: G. Church, E. Lundberg**
- 12.2. Development Officer meeting – SH passed notes of the meeting to EL – to be emailed to Board. Village Officer to do maintenance tasks also a possibility. Issue to be discussed at AGM and SH to investigate funding for a feasibility study. **Action: S. Hogg, E. Lundberg**
- 12.3. Margaret Davidson, PRIN, is organising a workshop on self-build. SH to pursue information. **Action: S. Hogg**
- 12.4. Noted KBCC has folded due to lack of candidates for the election but it is hoped to hold n election in January. EL to email Trust members encouraging them to stand. Secunder required and a form from THC completed. GC to contact Jim Miller for details. **Action: G. Church, E. Lundberg**

13.0 NEXT MEETING

- 13.1. AGM on Monday 8th March – venue TBC.
- 13.2. Next Board Meeting is on Monday 22nd March, 7.30pm at the Bogroy Hotel.