

KIRKCUDBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

MINUTES of the Meeting of Kirkcudbright Development Trust at 7pm, 10th January 2022, held via Zoom.

Present:

Lesley Garbutt (Chair)
Helen Henderson (Treasurer)
Ruth McMorran
Francis Kearney
Neil Picken
John Blaikie
Debbie Craig
Naomi Johnson

Apologies:

Andy Campbell
Rob Asbridge

LG began by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

1. Minutes of the meeting 6th December 2021.

Proposed by NP and seconded by RSM.

2. Matters arising

NP asked if any decisions had been made about how best to commemorate Andrew Ward. LG replied that this was being looked into and there was a discussion regarding apprenticeships.

3. Declarations of interest

LG, RSM declared an interest with regards to DSP.
LG, RA and NP declared an interest with regards KDSCP.
RA and JB declared an interest with regards KSF.

4. Reports

Silvercraigs (NP): NP reported that the site was closed for winter and Colin Wyper was taking this opportunity to tidy up pitches. LG then added that there was a leak in the swimming pool and CW was working on draining this and having it repaired. LG also reported that, having spoken with the accountant, there would be no problem transferring some of the profits from Silvercraigs to KDT.

Seaward: LG reported that having taken legal advice, it might be more appropriate to have Seaward transferred to KDT, rather than Silvercraigs, and then establish an SLA with Seaward. CW was looking to purchase materials for the renovation of Seaward with the intention of starting on the work that needed doing while Silvercraigs was closed. Materials would be in the region of £10k and KDT would cover those costs. This was agreed unanimously.

RSM asked who was going to cover the costs of the lawyers for Seaward and LG explained

that one of the conditions of being given Seaward was that KDT would cover the legal fees, which were expected to be in the region of £3k. This was also agreed on. LG also explained that it was a case of upgrading with no extensive repairs or planning permission needed. It was also explained that wheelchair accessibility would be looked at in the near future. HH asked if it would be ready for summer season? There was then a discussion regarding where and when was best to start advertising the facilities.

Action: None

Funding/Office (DC):

DC reported that funding was still being sought to cover the Investing funding, which would end on 31st March 2022. DC also reported that tentative dates had been agreed on to install an automatic access door and hearing loops for the building.

Action: None.

At this point LG reminded everyone that what was discussed in the meeting was confidential and should remain so.

With this in mind, the future of SCVS was then discussed as their EGM had recently been held. SCVS would cease operations on 31st March 2022 awaiting OSCR approval. There had been discussion over the role of SCVS within the community and how best to continue with that service. It was agreed that this would be due further discussion.

Building (FK/JB): Thanks were minuted to Alex Kinnell regarding the amount of time he had spent trying to resolve the recent issues with heating etc that had arisen. It was also agreed that any keys belonging to former Trustees should be handed back into the KDT Office. Interviews for a caretaker were being held on Monday 17th January at 10am.

Action: Sensor light purchased and installed & fire drill organised. FK, JB.

DSP(RSM): RSM reported that the DSP was open at weekends only for the rest of January and the 50% discount, which had a great take up, ended mid-February. FC was working on a 6 month program of events and would present that at the DPS Board meeting on 13th January 2022.

RSM also reported that according the DSP M&As, there had to be three KDT Trustees on the board of the DSP. To rectify this Naomi Johnson would be joining the board of the DSP in April.

Action: None.

Marketing/Communications (HH & RSM): Facebook was being kept updated. And the website was also going to be updated. There would be a push on publicising the facilities at The Johnston, and this would be done towards the end of March.

RSM also reported that a meeting of the Launch Event Working Party was due to held within the next week.

Action: None.

Tenancy/leases: Nothing had moved on since the last meeting but communications from solicitors was starting to be received following the Christmas holidays.

Action: None.

Youth work: RSM reported that there had two very successful film nights as well as a party in the run up to Christmas. The youth sessions had been cancelled in the first week of January due to Covid but were back up and running this week. Special thanks were minuted to Francis Kearney and Norman Parker for installing the new shed.

Action: None.

Barrhill Woods (RA): Some paths had been cleared but there were a lot of trees still down.

Action: None.

Harbour Stage (RA): RA emailed to say that the base of the stage has been successfully laid and the drainage and electrical outlets are installed. There will be a delay in the delivery of the stage until 24th January 2022.

Action: None.

KIC (HH): HH had circulated a report and said that contact with the Council and SEPA was being made following advice from the architect.

Action: None.

Finances (HH) A report had been circulated ahead of the meeting and there were no questions. HH also reported that a lot of 'tidying up' had to be done with the accounts and this was being done.

Action: None.

AOB

The Royal: Following the boarding up of the building, there had been much speculation within the community regarding the outcome and potential uses for the building. It was agreed that a statement be put on the KDT website to say that the matter had been discussed and KDT was keeping an eye on the situation. NJ agreed to forward links to Vacant & Derelict Buildings funds.

Finance Committee: HH reported that following a recent finance committee meeting, it had been agreed that purchases of anything over £2k would require three quotes. This did not apply to specialist equipment such as hearing loops and automatic doors.

RSM reported that she would be attending an SSDA webinar and would report back to the board, while NJ reported that she was meeting with Jane Morrison Ross of SOSE and would likewise report back anything of interest.

Gulls: DC and LG reported that there had been communication from the council gull officer and a meeting between KDT, the gull officer and local residents would be facilitated in the near future.

Action: DC to contact Rebecca Cadie regarding listed building restrictions.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.30pm

