

## KIRKCUDBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

MINUTES of the Meeting of Kirkcudbright Development Trust at 7pm,  
2nd March 2020, The Selkirk Hotel, Kirkcudbright.

Present:	Mrs Lesley Garbutt (Chair) Mr Colin MacLaine (Vice Chair) Mr Rob Asbridge Mr John Johnson Mr Allan Ross Mr Andrew Campbell Mr Alex Kinnell Ms Debbie Craig Mr Gordon Cowan Mr Neil Picken Mr Colin Wyper
Apologies	Mr Andrew Ward Mr Sean Orms Mrs Helen Henderson

Apologies: As above

1. Minutes of the meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

Rob Asbridge asked that an amendment be made to the minutes, as below: "RA reported that a lease had finally been agreed with the Forestry Commission". This was not the case as a lease was still being worked on.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Reports

### **Silvercraigs (CW)**

Colin Wyper reported that the site was on course to getting close to the VAT limit and said that unless turnover was going to be way over the VAT limit, then it would be wise to ensure turnover was under the limit. One idea would be to close for November and December, only opening over Christmas. No one had any objections and thought it would be worth a try.

This was the first year where there were going to be no major expenses, and the site was being run on a shoestring. With this in mind, CW proposed that £10k from Silvercraigs would be put towards an extension to the gym at the swimming pool. At this point Lesley Garbutt and Andy Campbell declared an interest. It was agreed in principle, but it was

asked that CW provide costings as well as profit and loss figures to the board and it would be decided on at the next meeting.

**Funding (DC):** Debbie Craig reported that the £76k of funding which had been awarded from the Town Centre Regeneration Fund for the Harbour Square project had been given an extension of a year. Applications had been submitted to Holywood Trust for £20k for a DSVC manager. The LEADER submission was now in hand and DC was looking to other funders for DSVC staff.

**Building (AK):** The roof was being repaired and other than that, everything else was going to plan. Rob Asbridge asked if the floor issue has been resolved in the Festivities space. It was reported that Festivities had offered a contribution towards the floor, which if need would be accepted. Colin Maclaine reported that there had been a co-operative and productive meeting with Festivities.

**DSVC (CMacL):** It was agreed that the presentation on 14<sup>th</sup> February had been a real success and had achieved a real wow factor. Thanks to all those involved were to be recorded. The planetarium had been ordered and was due to arrive in May.

**Tenancy agreements (LG):** The nursery had received its agreement and was happy with it and registrations for the nursery had taken place. Festivities were also happy with their tenancy agreement. It was agreed that Alex Kinnell contact the Gin Distillery.

**Finances (Colin Maclaine):** The finance report had been circulated ahead of the meeting and everyone agreed with the figures. Colin Maclaine reported that the Trust was in the process of being audited.

**Youth Work (Allan Ross):** AR reported that he had met with Eilean Parker and things were going well with the Youth Work project. There had been a productive meeting with Paul Tebay and EP as well.

**Barhill Woods (Rob Asbridge):** All was going well.

**Tourist Information Centre (Helen Henderson):** A report had been sent out by HH ahead of the meeting.

**Office/general (LG):** Nothing to report.

**Communications:** Nothing to report.

**AOB**

**Zebra crossing:** It was agreed that DC contact the roads department about this.

**Buy a brick/Room naming:** It was agreed that Allan Ross contact the art department at the Academy to see if the senior students could come up with a design. There was the possibility of the Youth Group also being involved.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8 pm.