

KIRKCUDBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

MINUTES of the Meeting of Kirkcudbright Development Trust at 7pm,
3rd February 2020, The Selkirk Hotel, Kirkcudbright.

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

Apologies: As above

1. Minutes of the meeting 6th January. Approved by Allan Ross and seconded by Neil Picken.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Reports

Silvercraigs (CW)

Colin Wyper had forwarded the following by email: Takings in January were up from £1,800 last year to £3,000 this year, a lot of the latter will be deposits for summer bookings, the site itself has been fairly quiet due to the weather. The toilets are now complete, showers all lined with respetex and new floor tiles, ceilings lowered and insulated, walls all painted with tile paint, floor covering done, all lights and extractors are now activated by sensors.

Funding (AW): Andrew Ward reported that £76k of funding had been awarded from the

Town Centre Regeneration Fund for the Harbour Square project, which was a shortfall of almost £20k. This was disappointing, but it was agreed that Debbie Craig look for funding from other sources to try and make up the shortfall. Robertson had awarded £10k, which was towards the cost of staff for the DSVC. Everyone agreed that a manager for the DSVC should be employed by April/May and the Robertson award would go some way towards this.

Building (AK): There were a few more repairs for the roof than had originally been anticipated, but other than that everything was going well.

DSVC (CMaCl): There was to be a meeting and presentation on 14th February from Glasgow Science Centre to the Trust to let us know how plans and designs were progressing. Other than that, plans were going well.

Tenancy agreements (LG): The pottery business had received their agreement and were happy with it while the nursery would be receiving its agreement shortly. Festivities had raised questions about the floor and Gordon Cowan (who declared an interest) reported that John Blaikie had contacted him with concerns regarding this. Lesley Garbutt said that the rationale behind the rent of the Festivities' unit was made clear. There was also a question of the Festivities having a concrete floor. AW and others noted that JB had met with the architect at the beginning of the project and at that stage it had been agreed that the wooden floor be fine. It was also agreed unanimously that it was too late in the plans as well as the costings to change a floor to concrete. Everyone agreed with this, while John Johnson pointed out that every unit had to pay for itself. The general consensus was that the new facilities would be far superior to the ones that Festivities were currently renting and it was hoped that any issues could be resolved.

Finances (Colin Maclaine): The finance report had been circulated ahead of the meeting and everyone agreed with the figures. He also reported that the accounts were due to be audited. John Johnson took this opportunity to thank Colin Maclaine for all his hard work in his absence, while Colin Maclaine thanked Sean Orms for his work on the project.

Youth Work (Allan Ross): AR reported that he had met with Eilean Parker and things were going well with the Youth Work project.

Barhill Woods (Rob Asbridge): RA reported that a lease had finally been agreed with the Forestry Commission, which was great news. He also reported that there the rental of the outdoor classroom needed to be advertised more through social media. It was suggested that he contact the Holywood Trust who would be able to put it on their monthly bulletin.

Tourist Information Centre (Helen Henderson): Visit Scotland had asked for a business case and cashflow to be done with a view to taking over the premises, which HH said she would start working on. The refurbishment was going well and there were quite a few local businesses keen to get involved with the retail aspect of the project.

Office/general (LG): Nothing to report.

Communications: The January newsletter had been sent out and was well received, but it was agreed that some printed copies should be kept in the office and Sean Orms would look at sending the newsletter out using Mail Chimp.

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Allotments: The Trust had been approached by the Allotment Society regarding joining as part of an umbrella organisation. It was agreed that the Allotment Society should look to gain its own charitable status, but the Trust would be more than willing to help the Society with funding applications.

Buy a brick: It was agreed that the naming of rooms and a design for everyone who had 'bought a brick' be looked at.

Floating zebra crossing: Neil Picken had raised the possibility of a 3d 'floating' zebra crossing being placed outside the Johnston Centre. It was agreed that this should be looked at.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8.15 pm.