

KIRKCUDBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

MINUTES of the Meeting of Kirkcudbright Development Trust at 7pm, Monday 3rd October 2022, held in KDT Office, The Johnston.

Present:

Lesley Garbutt (Chair)
Helen Henderson (Treasurer)
Ruth McMorran
John Blaikie
Francis Kearney
Rob Asbridge
Jenny Milby
Debbie Craig (via zoom)

In Attendance:

Elaine McConnell

Apologies:

Andy Campbell
Neil Picken
Naomi Johnson

LG began by welcoming everyone to the October meeting.

Elaine McConnell was welcomed to the meeting and co-opted onto the Board.
Proposed: RSM Second: RA

The Board expressed their sympathy to Naomi Johnson on the death of her father.
Get well wishes to Neil Picken who has been unwell.

1. Minutes of the meeting 5th September 2022

This meeting was not quorate but notes to be circulated.

2. Matters arising - None

3. Declarations of interest

LG, RSM declared an interest with regards to DSP.

LG and RA declared an interest with regards KDSCP

JB & RA declared an interest with regards to KSF

4. Reports

Silvercraigs:

LG reported that a letter had been received from Kirkcudbright Swimming Pool (KSP) requesting an increase of funds and transfer of ownership of Silvercraigs Caravan park from KDT. They (KSP) intend to “fund” community events – LG stated that she does not think that is in their constitution. Any asset transfers/change in lease would be costly and risks D&G Council (Common Good Fund) taking KDSCP back in hand if anything happened to KDT.

KSP are legally bound to donate £79,000.00 to KDT, this is still outstanding from last year.

KDT to give a management fee of £30,000.00 plus 30% of profits.

LG and RA to meet with Neil Cavers and will update the Board following their meeting.

RA to enquire who is on the Board of KDSCP

Possible proposal subject to legal advice:

KDT Trustees to meet KSP Trustees

KDT to give a management fee of £30,000.00 plus 30% of profits.

JB: Is the Trust profitable, can we afford to lose KDSCP?

HH: we are reliant on grants but aim to be sustainable in the future, Covid has had an impact on us all.

Action: LG to update after meeting with NC

Seaward: LG – KDT - not Silvercraigs CP - will market this as a “Bothy”. Discussions ongoing.

Action: None

Funding/Office (DC/JM):

DC: Funding has been received to enable Creetown Initiative to promote The Johnston & KDT projects on all media outlets – Facebook, Twitter etc.

Automatic doors: we received funding of £3500.00 from the Winifred Kennedy Trust

New post- Community Project Assistant: Interviews have taken place and Anne Stoddart will be joining the team in November.

JB: Are we looking at solar panels? DC – have tried to get funding but difficult to get someone.

Bank Hub – can it be in the Johnstone? It was agreed that this is something that could be looked into.

Office: JM reported that the office is busy. Printing requests and IE of accounts continue to keep her busy. Sue Stanworth (volunteer) has been helping when required/available. Room Hire going well.

Building (FK): FK has been off, but all seems ok. Adrian (caretaker) seems settled in his job.
Action: None

DSP (RSM): The DSP was continuing to run well, and staff have started to give talks which have gone down well. Opening times continue to cause a problem as well as the pricing. There has been a mixed response to the films that have been shown in the Planetarium, the licences are costly. **Action: None.**

Marketing/Communications (HH & RSM): As above

Tenancy/leases: N/A.
Action: None

Finances (HH)

Accounts have been circulated, need to be filed with OSCR
Approved by all present, will be presented at the AGM on the 7th of November.
Audit – completed.
Utility Bills: electricity bills have risen but each room/business has its own meter.
Phones: HH has managed to reduce these.

Youth work: RSM: They are now offering sessions on 5 nights. D & G Council Youth group let has now finished.

Pallets: there are a few more pallets outside the distillery, it was agreed that they could have 3 pallets for deliveries.

Bins: issue with them being next to windows, perhaps they could move beside the others?
Holywood Trust have funded the Youth Project again.

Action: JM to discuss issues with distillery

Barrhill Woods (RA): Woodland Festival went well, keen to get the Forest School up and running and presently looking for funding.

Action: None.

Harbour Stage (RA): Keen to push this especially as it is free to use.

Christmas Fayre: Possibly in Greyfriars House, the church is running it. Maybe a good idea to have a choir singing at this time?

KSF maybe looking at doing a Farmers Market on the 10/12/22.

Action: None.

KIC (HH): Report circulated prior to meeting

The KIC is working on reduced hours – 11-3 and will close for the winter at the end of October.

AOB

AGM will be held on Monday 7th November in the Community Room at 6pm.

Changes to constitution

Propose to lower quorum, from 8 to 4

Propose to change method of delivery of information to reduce need to post document – to be changed to notified electronically.

All agreed to these being done.

LG asked everyone to think of people to approach to become Trustees.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 7th November at 6pm - AGM

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6.00pm