

## KIRKCUDBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

MINUTES of the Meeting of Kirkcudbright Development Trust at 4pm, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, held via Zoom

Present:

Lesley Garbutt (Chair)  
Colin Maclaine (Vice Chair)  
John Johnson (Treasurer)  
Neil Picken  
Sean Orms  
Allan Ross  
Gordon Cowan  
Alex Kinnell  
Helen Henderson  
Ruth McMorrان  
Rob Asbridge  
Debbie Craig

Apologies:

Andy Campbell  
Andrew Ward  
Colin Wyper

Apologies: As above

1. Minutes of the meeting 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. Approved by Neil Picken and seconded by Ruth McMorrان.

2. Matters arising  
There were none.

3. Reports

### **Silvercraigs (CW)**

CW had forwarded a report by email: 'We have £5,002 in the bank with no bills to pay, the digger is on site sorting the top row of pitches, I have been quoted £1,000 maximum for the work, the quote for replacing 5 electricity distributing boxes is £1,200 and will be done before we open, hopefully by late April. The March payment from DGC of £2,000 will cover most of these expenses.

'Bookings are coming in every day for May onwards, I am confident we will have a busy summer, Covid permitting.

'The business plan is on hold as it would be pure guesswork in the current circumstances. As soon as we have some continuity in trading I will work on it.'

### **Seaward (CW & LG)**

HH asked if there were any developments regarding Seaward. LG replied that there were none and were unlikely to be until restrictions were lifted.

### **Funding (AW/DC):**

DC reported that Robin Rigg had awarded the DSVC £10,000 and had agreed that it be used for the Planetarium rather than the astronaut selfie-helmet which was in the original request in the application.

£10,813 had been awarded from the Community recovery fund and we were waiting to hear from the Adapt and Thrive section of the application.

DC reported that an application for £10k for DSVC staffing had been submitted to the Region Wide Coastal Benefits.

**Building (AK):** AK said there was a not a huge amount to report and he was still waiting for the QS to get back with the final costs, but it looked like it would be end of March/April when the figures were in.

Andrew Clark Hutchinson had agreed to sign the lease and there was an ongoing debate as to whether he would pay rent from January 2021. A proposal had been made that would allow him to pay from the 1<sup>st</sup> January and would have until the end of the year to pay. It was agreed that the Trust had been very supportive of ACH and the project and it was hoped that this would be resolved.

AK ended by reporting that the directional signs would be in place at some point this month.

**DSVC (CMaCL):** CMaCL reported that the advert for the position of manager had been posted and there had been a lot of interest, which was promising.

Work would be completed in the DSVC as soon as restrictions were lifted.

CMaCL then shared the proposal for the setting up of the new company.

These were proposed by CMaCL and seconded by JJ and the proposal was agreed unanimously.

It was agreed that the decision of registering KDT for VAT be done at a later date.

GC asked if RMcM had been in touch with OSCR regarding how it would affect our charitable status.

RMcM reported that she had been in touch with OSCR and they had replied that they were not prepared to comment unless it was a formal application.

**Marketing/branding/Social media/Communications (HH & RMcM):** HH reported that great progress had been made on the website and they were very pleased with the work from Artibrand.

There had been over 1000 views at the job advert on Facebook which was encouraging.

HH and RMcM had also started to look at marketing milestones ahead of the potential opening.

RMcM reported that the date of 4.3.21 would occur this week and it was agreed it was a great opportunity for Tabi to create something that could be sent out along the lines of 'Blast Off' prior to the new logo being released.

RMcM also reported that the KDT was now a member of the SSDA and as such each project could be listed separately.

Barrhill Wood, Silvercraigs, The Johnston, Information Centre and the Planetarium in that order.

**Tenancy/leases:** LG reported that all tenants with the exception of the Gin Distillery had signed.

**Youth work (AR):** AR is in touch with Eilean Parker of the Youth Project and would report back any developments.

**Barrhill Woods (RA):** RA reported that the nursery were back using the outdoor classroom as were Castle Douglas nursery which was encouraging. £4k had been sourced for the Woodland Festival and it was agreed that this could be paid into the Barrhill bank account.

**Harbour Stage (RA):** Still waiting on a decision from planning, and once this was agreed additional funders would be contacted.

**KIC (HH):** DC reported she would email Pauline McGregor of Visit Scotland regarding the KIC.

**Finances (CMac/JJ):** Reports had been circulated ahead of the meeting, which everyone agreed with. Final costings were, of course, still due from RHI. Questions were raised about contacting the Lottery regarding the shortfall, but LG advised that Andrew Ward be contacted first to ask for advice.

## **AOB**

**Galloway National Park:** NP asked for the support of KDT for the National Park and this was agreed.

**Signs for the Johnston:** HH asked if there had been any word from pre-planning regarding the signs. LG said there hadn't been at the end of last week and she would follow this up. CMacI asked if there had been any development regarding the door signs internally. LG replied that she planned to get in touch with those individuals and it was agreed that consistency would be maintained.

**KDT website:** It was noted that the website was out of date and it was agreed that content be sent to RMcM and HH along with AR who volunteered to look at ways of improving the site. Changes would then be sent to SO to update.

**KBT Academy:** RMcM reported that the art teacher from the Academy had been in touch regarding the mural and while still keen on the project, said it was hard to commit to a timeline because of lockdown restrictions.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm as the first Monday in April was Easter Monday.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 5.30pm.