

KIRKCUDBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

MINUTES of the Meeting of Kirkcudbright Development Trust at 4pm, 26th April 2021, held via Zoom

Present:

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

Apologies:

Andrew Ward
Colin Wyper

Apologies: As above

1. Minutes of the meeting 29th March 2021. Approved by Neil Picken and seconded by Ruth McMorran.

2. Matters arising
There were none.

3. Reports

Silvercraigs (CW)

Nothing to report but the site was being prepared for reopening on 26th April.

Seaward (CW & LG)

Nothing to report.

Funding (AW/DC):

DC reported £52K had been awarded through the Adapt and Thrive application and £10k

from the Coastal Benefit Fund. These would help with DSP staffing costs as well as the marketing of the DSP.

Other funding applications had been made for the Harbour Stage Project (Suez) and subsidised school visits to the DSP (NFU).

It was also reported that the Youth Project had been awarded £42k from Hollywood Trust. DC and LG were waiting on confirmation of this from EP.

Building (AK): AK said there were two ongoing issues:

The heating system was still not satisfactory and SPEN had conceded that it was a voltage issue which AK would chase up with SPEN.

Dampness in the foyer to the DSP was proving a bit of a problem and this was going to be investigated on Wednesday 28th.

Other than that, the only other thing to report was the meeting between the architect, the contractor and the QS to finalise the costs. This was taking place in the Board Room on 28th.

The lease for the gin distillery was still proving a problem and ACH was now asking for an EPC report as well as a Legionella report. A Zoom meeting had been organised for 27th between LG, AK and ACH.

A baby changing facility had been installed in the disabled toilet and a nappy bin had been installed as well.

The hire of community room as a Covid-testing centre was going ahead and it was agreed this would be a good source of income.

The directional signs were expected to arrive imminently.

DSP(CMaL): CMaL had forwarded a report ahead of the meeting and thanked Ruth McMorran and John Johnson for their help. It was proposed that until the new bank account was set up for the DSP, the KDT Johnston School account be used. There were no objections.

Final interviews were taking place on Wednesday and it was hoped that the manager would be in place as soon as possible.

Marketing/ Communications (HH & RMcM): HH reported that the launch of the website would occur on May 4th. There had been a few entries for the Name the Astronaut competition, and the Facebook page had already reached 4032 people, which was a good response.

Galloway Glens (a DSP funder) had been down to the project to film, while D&G Life were coming on 12th May to photograph the project. HH asked that Trustees attend on that day at 11.30 for photographs.

The KDT website was being worked on and everyone agreed there had been a huge amount of time and effort spent on this.

Tenancy/leases: It was hoped the ACH lease would be finalised at the meeting on 27th April.

Youth work (AR): It was also reported that the Youth Project had been awarded £42k from Hollywood Trust and EP was going to apply to the Robertson Trust for match funding.

Barrhill Woods (RA): A funding application had been submitted to D&G Events for the woodland festival.

Harbour Stage (RA): Additional funding had been applied for and the decision of that application would dictate which canopy would be purchased.

RA, AK and AC agreed to meet at 6pm on Thursday to discuss options.

KIC (HH): Visit Scotland legal department had been in contact regarding the asset transfer of the KIC. DC had contacted Neil Cavers to ask him to represent KDT, which he had agreed to. HH reported that the KIC would reopen on 29th May and the centre would be refurbished and restocked by then.

It was agreed that as it would need rewiring, an additional meter would be added for the purpose of the Harbour Stage. It was agreed that LG and RA meet at the KIC.

Finances (CMac/JJ): Reports had been circulated ahead of the meeting and there were no questions.

AOB

DSP website: HH shared the website and everyone agreed how impressive it looked.

Leases:

AK then asked LG, CMacL and JJ to stay on after the meeting to discuss the meeting with ACH.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 4.45pm with the next meeting scheduled for 7th June 2021.