

KIRKCUDBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

MINUTES of the Meeting of Kirkcudbright Development Trust at 2pm, 3rd July, held via video conferencing call.

Present:

Lesley Garbutt (Chair)
Colin Maclaine (Vice Chair)
John Johnson (Treasurer)
Helen Henderson
Gordon Cowan
Neil Picken
Sean Orms
Colin Wyper
Allan Ross
Andrew Ward
Debbie Craig

Apologies:

Andy Campbell
Rob Asbridge

Apologies: As above

1. Minutes of the meeting 3rd June. Approved by Neil Picken and seconded by Allan Ross.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Reports

Silvercraigs (CW)

CW had previously sent an email to the board asking for their thoughts regarding opening up the caravan site again, especially as there had been recent outbreaks of Covid 19 in local areas. It was agreed that the site would honour the bookings that had already been made and not take any more bookings for the next couple of weeks. It was also agreed that a statement would be put on the Facebook page and the website as well and perhaps an article in the Galloway News.

It was also agreed that LG contact Ingrid Gemmell regarding the lease for the caravan site.

Funding (AW/DC):

AW reported that he had spoken to the Holywood Trust and had been advised to wait until the October round of funding to put an application in.

DC reported there had been some positive responses from small trusts for exhibits in the DSVC. Following the successful application to the Coastal Communities Fund, £10k of the £19,311 had been awarded for the Harbour Stage Regeneration. DC and AW would continue to look for funding streams for DSVC.

Gordon Cowan then asked what was happening with HES funding. AW said a decision was imminent, but he would ask Rebecca Cadie and HES what was happening.

Building (AK): AK reported that contractors were back on site and progress was being made with the Planetarium

Gin distillery – there had been an issue regarding the water supply, and an extra cost of £16,000 had been mentioned. It was hoped that this could be resolved.

It was agreed that firm figures were needed regarding any increase in costs especially due to Covid-19.

Dark Skies (CMac): Great progress had been made and the Dome had arrived in the UK and was in storage.

CMacL also mentioned that there had been the possibility of using the Castle MacLellan logo in one of the exhibits.

Youth work (AR): AR reported that Eilean Parker and her team were continuing to do a great job of keeping the young people occupied during lockdown. AR also mentioned that the paperwork regarding the Little Centipedes had finally been sorted and the funds would be going towards early learning activities. Thanks were also noted to Amy Watson of Creetown Initiative for helping EP with a funding application to Children in Need.

Barrhill Woods (RA): RA had reported that the squirrels were thriving, and all was well. There was the possibility of filming for Secret Scotland and RA would let the board know if this was going ahead.

TIC (HH): DC and LG were dealing with Visit Scotland regarding the electricity bill. HH reported that at this stage there were no plans to reopen the TIC.

Branding: Three agencies had been chosen and virtual interviews were in the process of being organised.

HH also mentioned that she had some contacts at Cape Canaveral and there was a possibility of some form of tie in, which everyone thought was a fantastic possibility.

Leases: Sean Orms was going to send LG drawings showing the common area of the Johnston Centre, while Neil Cavers and LG were on track with the new leases.

Finances (CMac): Reports had been circulated ahead of the meeting, which everyone agreed with.

Communications: Sean Orms had circulated the newsletter and Facebook and the website were in the process of being updated.

AOB:

Brick naming: Eilean Parker had been in talks with Paul Tebay from Rotary regarding a design for brick naming.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 3.30pm.