

## KIRKCUDBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

MINUTES of the Meeting of Kirkcudbright Development Trust at 2pm, 4<sup>th</sup> May, held via video conferencing call.

Present:

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

Apologies:

Andy Campbell  
Andrew Ward  
Rob Asbridge  
Allan Ross  
Colin Wyper

Apologies: As above

1. Minutes of the meeting 6<sup>th</sup> April. Approved by Colin Maclaine and seconded by Neil Picken.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Reports

### **Silvercraigs (CW)**

CW reported that he had been successful with the D&G Council Covid-19 fund for £10000, which everyone agreed was great news. There had been five refunds for bookings. There was nothing else to report.

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

DC reported that the application to Holywood Trust (£20k for DSVC manager) had been turned down, but a new application was being worked on and would be submitted for the June deadline.

An application to the Corra Foundation had been successful for £10k. This would cover costs for Johnston School/office/TIC over the next three months while the lockdown restrictions were still in place.

There had also been an application submitted (£1100) by the KDT on behalf of the KBT

Covid-19 committee, which. Had been successful and there was another application to the SCF fund for scrubs and an extension of the Covid response group.

DC and AW would continue to look for funding streams for DSVC.

**Building (AK):** AK reported that there was not much going on and there was no indication of when the builders would be back on site. He was continuing to work with the architect and the QS as to why costs have increased to the extent they had. He also reported that he had spoken to the architect about the HES funding and the possibility of more funding.

It was agreed that there needed to be a security procedure for the gates be looked at, as the CCTV and street lighting might not be enough.

There were discussions regarding extra costs incurred due to changes made by prospective tenants. Lesley Garbutt thanked AK for his work on these matters and it was agreed that potential charges would be discussed at a later date. It was agreed that there were issues to be resolved and there were no actions in place to work through these issues.

**Dark Skies (CMac):** CMac reported that the dome was due to be shipped to the UK shortly. As for the exhibits, these had been reduced in scope, but hopefully funding strands would be found for these, and there would still be the WOW factor.

**Finances (CMacL):** Finance reports had been circulated. It was agreed that spending would be switched from some areas to try and address the overspend. The idea of selling the electric bikes was suggested, but it was agreed that this be put to one side for now. It was hoped that the outcome of the HES funding would be known within the next couple of weeks.

**Youth work (AR):** It was reported that Eilean Parker and her team had been doing a fantastic job of keeping the project going online with new and inventive ideas every week and there was an article in the Galloway News about the lockdown goody bags that the team had handed out to the young people.

**Barrhill Woods (RA):** RA had reported that the squirrels were thriving and all was well.

**TIC (HH):** DC and LG were dealing with Visit Scotland regarding the electricity bill.

**Branding:** It was reported that there had been a very successful branding meeting between Gordon Cowan, Lesley Garbutt and Helen Henderson. It was agreed that branding concentrate on the DSVC and a new branding exercise be sent out. It was hoped that more people respond this time around.

**Communications:** Q&A updates were being sent out to members and funders and a newsletter would be sent out as well.

**AOB:**

It was agreed that all documents relating to the Silvercraigs trading arm be put in the box.

Leases: it was agreed that GC send round an email and document regarding leases. It was agreed that this would be send to LG first before being sent out by DC.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3.15 pm