

KIRKCUDBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

MINUTES of the Meeting of Kirkcudbright Development Trust at 4pm, 5th October, held via Zoom

Present:

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

Apologies:

Andy Campbell
Rob Asbridge
Andrew Ward
Colin Wyper

Apologies: As above

1. Minutes of the meeting 7th September. Approved Allan Ross. Seconded by Neil Picken.

2. Matters arising
There were none.

3. Reports

Silvercraigs (CW)

CW had sent his report out by email and was the following:

Takings for September up from £7,328 last year to £12,392 this year, turnover so far £51,000. We have paid the full £20,000 management fee to the Pool plus £5,000 of the agreed £10,000 for the gym extension, we have £8,500 in hand with no bills to pay. The fully online booking system is working well with all arrivals paid in advance, I moved over to PayPal for the online payments as it works out cheaper as we get a charity rate of 1.4% across all cards with no monthly fees, Sagepay was £32 per month plus transaction fees.

Funding (AW/DC):

DC reported that the funding application to LEADER for £30k had been successful. AW had submitted a funding application to Holywood Trust for DSVC staff. Community Capacity and Robin Rigg applications were also due to be submitted as well for staffing and exhibitions for DSVC. CMcL reported that £5k was in the process of being awarded from the Stevenson Foundation for an exhibit within the DSVC. It was also reported that the Kavli application had been unsuccessful.

Building (AK): AK reported that they were going through the business of snagging and tenants were moving into the building. THE KDT office had been moved in and the Pottery was hoping to be up and running on 12th October. KSF, he continued, were busy building rooms within their space and it was agreed that it would have been better if KSF had approached the KDT first to let them know their plans. It was agreed that AK contact KSF by email to advise they should proceed with caution. CMaCl reported that the IT system would be in place at the end of next week. It was also agreed that a meeting of the finance committee to discuss possible charges for the Pottery and KSF.

Dark Skies (CMac): It was reported that the planetarium would be arriving next week. Youngster in the town were busy testing some of the exhibits and there was a possibility that JJ and CMaCl would be visiting an exhibition in York for more of the exhibits.

Youth work (AR): AR reported the Rotary were going to contribute £1500 to the Youth Project, which would help with the costs of the joinery work that was needed for the Youth Space. AR had also reported that the Wee Centipedes account had finally been closed and money transferred and ringfenced.

Barrhill Woods (RA): Nothing to report.

Harbour Stage (RA): DC had sent a summary out ahead of the meeting and agreed to send images of the staging out to the rest of the board as well.

KIC (HH): It was reported that VS had contact KDT regarding the submitted business plan and DC and HH agreed to work on this and get back to VS. It was also agreed that LG contact VS regarding the lack of payment of the electricity bill. It was agreed that a meter reading be taken from the KIC and a check on the electrical points near the beach huts be checked.

Branding: Following Facebook posts and consultation with the marketing team a name had been agreed. Kirkcudbright Dark Space Planetarium – where science and fun collide. Although not everyone was entirely happy with the name, LG explained that there had been long discussions regarding the name and the marketing experts agreed that it was important that the name Kirkcudbright be included in the name. It was agreed that it was important that the marketing should be spot on.

Leases (LG): It was requested that a record of thanks be recorded for Neil Cavers and all the hard work that he had done regarding the leases. It was reported that NC had send a strongly worded solicitor in Edinburgh (ACHutchinson's) and once a reply was received then all other leases would be ready to go.

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

Communications: It was agreed that there should be updated posts on Facebook etc.

AOB:

3d crossing: Neil Picken asked if it might be possible to ask again about these being installed in front of the school.

Pauline Saul: Gordon Cowan reported that Pauline Saul had been admitted to hospital and sadly the prognosis was not good. It was agreed that GC pass on the Trust's best wishes to the family.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 5.10pm.