

KIRKCUDBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

MINUTES of the Meeting of Kirkcudbright Development Trust at 7.15pm, 7th September, held via Zoom.

Present:

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

Apologies:

Rob Asbridge

Apologies: As above

Lesley Garbutt began the meeting by welcoming new Trustee Ruth McMorran.

She then asked John Blaikie to address the meeting with his questions. JB then asked a likely date for KSF to move into the Johnston Centre as their current lease for Kempleton was due to end in October.

Alex Kinnell replied and said that he was hopeful they would be in soon. Lesley Garbutt agreed and said the board would report back within the next couple of days regarding this and the signing of leases. John Blaikie thanked the board and left the meeting.

1. Minutes of the meeting 3rd August. Approved Allan Ross. Seconded by Neil Picken.

2. Matters arising

Alex Kinnell asked that previous minutes be corrected as he was not reported as being present.

Kirkcudbright K – Andy Campbell reported that the K does belong to the Forum but it was free for any Kirkcudbright user.

3. Reports

Silvercraigs (CW)

CW reported that they were two thirds full due to Covid restrictions, and they were having to turn people away for bookings. He also reported that he had signed up for a new booking system.

CW then asked the board to consider his earlier proposal regarding the swimming pool which had been sent out by email. He explained that under current Covid guidelines it was almost impossible to run the swimming pool without incurring huge losses. Basically, he would like for any profit from Silvercraigs to go to the swimming pool.

It was agreed in principle with CW also agreeing to provide CMacI and JJ figures and this would be further discussed.

Funding (AW/DC):

DC reported there had been a successful visit to the DSVC and Johnston Centre from LEADER and hopefully once the Dome had been installed the funding would be forthcoming. She also reported that there were a few smaller funding applications recently submitted for DSVC exhibits and there were a few funding opportunities in the pipeline.

AW reported that he had recently submitted a funding application for the opening ceremony which we would find out sometime in October.

It was also agreed that AK would ask the QS for a figures for any extra costings that were incurred as a result of Covid.

Building (AK): AK reported that the snagging process had begun. There were still some challenges regarding the gin distillery but these were being worked through.

Dark Skies (CMac): Not a huge amount to say ahead of the report having been sent out.

Youth work (AR): AR reported that all was progressing well and Eilean Parker had been talking to Paul Tebay of the Rotary into extra funding being available.

Barrhill Woods (RA): Nothing to report.

KIC (HH): The business plan had been sent to Visit Scotland and there was nothing else to report.

Branding: There had been a meeting with Artibrand to discuss the branding for DSVC and a number of names had come up. These had been passed to Eilean Parker of the Youth group to ask for feedback from the young people of the town.

Leases (LG): These were being worked on.

Finances (CMac): Reports had been circulated ahead of the meeting, which everyone agreed with. Insurance quoted for the DSVC, Barrhill Woods and KIC and Johnston Centre were being sourced.

Harbour (RA/DC): DC reported that Stage 2 asset transfer had been applied for. It was looking likely that a building warrant would be need at a cost of around £1000. Planning permission was going to be submitted as well. DC and RA were aware of the timelines for the project and were working towards these.

Communications: Nothing to report.

AOB:

Moving office: DC asked for volunteers to help with the move to the Johnston.

Johnston Centre: LG asked that everyone meeting on Saturday morning to look at the building.

There being no other business LG thanked everyone for their forbearance and attending the meeting and it ended at 8.45pm.