

KIRKCUDBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

MINUTES of the meeting of Kirkcudbright Development Trust held after the AGM on Monday 7th November 2023 in the Community Room, The Johnston.

Present

Lesley Garbutt (Chair) (LG)	Helen Henderson (Treasurer) (HH)
Ruth McMorran (RM)	Francis Kearney (FK)
Rob Asbridge (RA)	Debbie Craig (DC)
Andy Campbell (AC)	Jenny Milby (JM)
John Blaikie (JB)	Anne Stoddart (AS) Minute Taker
	Sarah Dawe (SD)

Apologies

Neil Picken, Hollie Mitchell

1. Welcome & Apologies

LG welcomed all to the November meeting.

2. Minutes of last meeting held on 2nd October

RM highlighted the following edits to be made:

- Prudential should read Peninsula
- Pancreatic Cancer and Poppy Scotland to be added to charity list for Building light up
- The Holywood Trust had also contacted EP regarding the Youth Project.

The Minutes were proposed by AC and seconded by FK

3. Reporting

Silvercraigs

FK reported. A meeting with the seasonal visitor representatives had been scheduled for the following day. Local sites had been contacted for comparison purposes but only Dalbeattie offered seasonal pitches. The Dalbeattie site was open 7 months of the year, contracts were for 12 months and electricity was an additional charge. DC confirmed Silvercraigs required a licence and a 31 night stay rule could be written into this. New signage had been ordered. FK reported that Craig Nash had done a wonderful job redecorating the site office and that Craig and Adrian Philpott worked well together.

Seaward

FK reported all electricals had been PAT tested and the water quality had been tested by the Council. He suggested that the water be drained off now for the winter. Donations had been received to furnish the Bothy including carpets, couches and a pool table from the Youth Project.

Funding/Claims

DC reported Robin Rigg had been approached for new flooring in the Community Room and an electric car charging station at The Johnston. There was now a waiting list for the Mindfulness classes which KDT had been subsidising and DC was looking for funding to support 8 week courses throughout the year.

Office.

JM reported the Office now provided administrative support for the Pool and Silvercraigs. Annie and Sarah job-shared with Annie working Monday to Wednesday and Sarah Thursday to Monday. A request had been made for KDT to decorate a Christmas Tree at the church festival. Decorations featuring the various KDT projects was proposed.

The following issues had been raised at the recent Tenants' meeting:

1. 'Blown' windows in the Pottery and Youth Project – estimates for repair had been provided and were being looked at.
2. Eilean Parker and Adrian Philpott were concerned about poor lighting at the back of the building. The Planning department would be consulted. Low level solar lighting which did not impede on neighbours was being considered.
3. A second set of Flags had been ordered.
4. Tenants had requested better signage for visitors – footprints on the tarmac were suggested.
5. AC confirmed that a noticeboard for the front railings had been made.

Building.

FK reported that the Clock tower issues were being dealt with.

Marketing and Communication

DC reported that Amy continued to be very efficient and do an excellent job.

Tenancy Agreements

There was nothing to report.

KDT Finances

Figures for the month had been circulated. Hire of the Community Room was now at 80%. The new electric car charging point would also generate visitors.

Youth Project.

RM reported all going well. EP had organized a very successful football tournament for 4 local groups which she planned to repeat. KDT had sponsored t-shirts and the Youth Project team had won!

Barhill and Harbour Stage

RA would contact DC regarding forest school funding. RA would like to see the Harbour Stage used more. A steering group would be formed and the Community Asset transfer application submitted by the end of December.

KIC

KIC had closed for the season on 31st October. HH reported there had been 21,000 visitors this season – down 4,000 from last year. Other businesses in town had reported a similar drop in numbers and income. Volunteers were being encouraged to take more responsibility and various sub-groups had been formed.

4.AOB:

FK retired from the Board of Trustees at this meeting. LG thanked him for his hard work over the years for the Development Trust and presented a gift on behalf of the Trustees.

There was a brief discussion on how to attract new Trustees and the following suggestions were made:

- A direct approach by Trustees to those expressing interest
- Offering a co-opting option for a year
- A promotional campaign highlighting where and when the KDT trustees meet and what they do.
- Contacting the school regarding seniors involvement.

All KDT minutes would be published online.

Next meeting Monday 8th January 2024

LG thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.