

KIRKCUDBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

MINUTES of the meeting of Kirkcudbright Development Trust
held on Monday 13th January 2025, in the Meeting Room at The Johnston.

Present

Lesley Garbutt – Chair (LG)
Helen Henderson – Treasurer (HH)
Jenny Milby (JM)
Derek Smith (DS)
Debbie Craig (DC)
Brian Thomson (BT)
John Blaikie (JB)
Hollie Mitchell (HM)
Neil Picken (NP)
Deborah Firth (DF Minute Secretary)

Apologies
Andy Campbell
Rob Asbridge

1. Welcome & Apologies

LG welcomed all to the meeting

Minutes of last meeting held in November 2024

The Minutes were approved by all and seconded by DS

2. Reporting

Silvercraigs

JM Site was busy over the Christmas period with extra business coming from Brighthouse Bay as they had a maintenance issue, SCP made space for extra vans on the grass area. The Ladies & Gents toilets have been painted with the disabled toilets and the laundry area still to do. EDF is still ongoing but is being regularly followed up. There is still an issue with the barrier despite repairs being carried out and CN is working on this.

The Hut

JM All OK on site but no further forward with resolving parking issue. It will be marketed highlighting no parking, but the adjacent driveway used to unload (with driver remaining with vehicle) and then moving to Dhoon. CN accompanied a surveyor to the site today.

Funding/Claims

DC reported that we have now received a grant from Third Sector D&G which is being allocated to Yoga for Wellbeing. This will be over 36 weeks and KDT will get room hire and admin charges. Also investigating Trailblazer fund and has approached by Alex Kinnell for help with funding for the Church as well as RA with monies for swift boxes. Other grants have been awarded, and we are awaiting the payments.

Office & Building

JM All had a good Festive break. Craig & Adrian worked on repainting the office with the community room to be done shortly. The nursery ceiling has been repaired and HM confirmed she was happy with the work. A full maintenance programme is to be drawn up and Andy Campbell has agreed to help with this. We are receiving regular room enquiries, especially for the small room.

A surveyor has visited, and we await details from him as to current rental values. The EV chargers are still not working, and Lotus have been out for most of a day but were defeated by the weather. They will be back sometime in the week.

The day allocated to work for the pool is working well and will continue.

Alex Kennell continues to follow up on the situation with the Tower, and **JM** confirmed that if issues are reported regarding leaks – they are dealt with immediately with Campbells being called.

Dark Space Planetarium

LG Planetarium staff will be attending a careers event for the Academy S2 students later this month.

Marketing and Communication

DC & HH A flyer is being planned for distribution via royal mail to promote office services offered and an advert is to be placed in the Bulletin – artwork is being designed by Amy

Funding has been received for the Local Place Plan and meetings have been held. It was highlighted funders will be looking for a plan to be implemented and it does affect council funding. It is not clear at this stage what the final product will be but discussions will continue

HM highlighted the recent social media post about the nursery and will supply the details of who did the filming etc.

It was suggested that more use be made of Facebook with links to DGWGO and similar information sharing sites.

Tenancy Agreements

A tenants meeting was held before Christmas, and all seemed happy

KDT Finances

HH circulated information prior to the meeting

Youth Project.

JM reported that Morgan was due back from maternity leave shortly so the Youth Project hope to add an additional session on a Tuesday. They also have 4th year volunteers taking part in the Saltaire Awards. CN is stepping back but will be available if needed.

Gatehouse YMCA want to work in partnership as do the D&G Young Carers who will be holding bi-monthly meetings at the Johnston.

Barhill and Harbour Stage

RA has asked for £500 for swift boxes and DC is assisting with this.

JB reported that a hole in the stage requires attention, and some of the CCTV cameras are not working. It was believed that the Festivities is responsible for the maintenance, but this would be clarified.

KIC

HH Although the centre is closed there is an issue with SSE electricity – a comparison between their meter readings and ours is being prepared, this is further confused as they still have 2 meters in situ despite one having been removed over a year ago. The issue is ongoing but being monitored.

3. AOB:

DC: Documents about the Trust potentially taking on the skate park were circulated prior to the meeting. A general discussion following expressing concerns over rates, insurance and safety. There is a notice board with a name and contact number and DS will call to discuss what happens in case of incident etc. HM wondered if this would fit with the Pool and this will be looked into.

NP: Farm tours are available. HH suggested these could be advertised through the KIC is some form of flyer was produced. He also highlighted there was only 5 weeks until the end of the consultation period for the National Park and that there was a lot of mis-information about. Suggested that a source of accurate information is Strategic Environment Assessment SEA Environmental Report Addendum

Next meeting with be 3rd March 2025 4pm in the small room at The Johnston

LG thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting 5pm