

KIRKCUDBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

MINUTES of the meeting of Kirkcudbright Development Trust held on Monday 4th November 2024, in the Community Room at The Johnston.

Present

Lesley Garbutt – Chair (LG)
Helen Henderson – Treasurer (HH)
Jenny Milby (JM)
Derek Smith (DS)
Debbie Craig (DC)
Rob Asbridge (RA)
Brian Thomson (BT)
John Blaikie (JB)
Hollie Mitchell (HM)

Apologies
Andy Campbell
Neil Picken

1. Welcome & Apologies

LG welcomed all to the meeting with a special welcome to new Trustee, Derek Smith.

Minutes of last meeting held on September 2024

The Minutes were approved by BT and seconded by RA.

Declarations of Interest – **please add**

2. Reporting

Silvercraigs

Everything was running well and CN and his team were doing a great job.

The Hut

It was discussed changing the name back to Keighley Hut, rather than just The Hut.

Funding/Claims

DC reported that there had been a few rejections recently, but other funding applications were in.

Office.

The new office arrangements were working well, and this had helped resolve the lighting situation.

Building.

EV chargers are still waiting to be connected and there is a three-way conversation between babble, Lotus and ICS.

Doors are now fully automated rather than having a push pad.
Additional CCTV cameras have been installed to the exterior of the building.
Craig, Adrian and Murray have been working well on maintaining the building and painting the interior.

Dark Space Planetarium

A report was circulated. LG mentioned that the M&As of the DSP require three members from KDT to be on the board. Hollie Mitchell and Brian Thomson volunteered.

Marketing and Communication

It was agreed that the newsletter should go out every other month.

Tenancy Agreements

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged before Christmas.

KDT Finances

HH circulated information prior to the meeting.

Youth Project.

JM reported that Hayley and Craig were running a lot of the sessions as Eilean had been on compassionate leave. Morgan was back from maternity leave in January and Craig was standing down a bit more. Hollie Mitchell agreed to help

Barhill and Harbour Stage

RA said the drain had been fixed.

RA was in the process of doing a management agreement with Forestry and Land and this was being finalised and would be handed in to the office when it was done.

KIC

HH said that although visitor numbers were down, the centre had been well attended

3. AOB:

BT: the bays for the campervans were too narrow. LG said this had been discussed and was being sorted. Also, the wood marking the bays were sitting proud of the ground. This would also be looked at.

HM said there had been some comments regarding the shortness of the AGM.

It was discussed that the reports from Summer of Small Grants be put in the newsletter and next year it would be more of a social occasion following the AGM.

JB – The state of the Youth Shelter was discussed. DC explained that this had been put in motion and KDT had been working on it, in collaboration with KBT Community Council, since March. Once it was established who owned the structure then KDT would be able to adopt the building and take it forward with repairs.

HH asked if a Citizen Advice Bureau pop up be considered. DC reported that she had already arranged for this to happen next year.

Next meeting with be 13th January 2025.

LG thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting 7.30pm