

KIRKOWAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Board Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd August at 7pm at the Autumn Club, Kirkcowan.

Minutes

1. In attendance

Charlie McNeill (Chair), Bill Harkness, Hazel Johnston, Colin Richardson, Hazel McWhirter and Andrew Gladstone.

2. Other

Carol Lochrie (Machars Action).

3. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Lynne Melville and Nicki Chadwick (Trust Support Officer).

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed, proposed and seconded.

5. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Village Hall Update

There was no update.

7. Letter from Chair, KCBC, re. Village Hall refurbishment loan

The letter from the Chair of KCBC was discussed, regarding the possibility of the Trust receiving a loan/mortgage for the refurbishment of the Village Hall. It was agreed that the Community Development Officer of the New Luce Community Development Trust (NLCDDT) would be contacted to establish how the NLCDDT proceeded with applying for a loan to develop the pub in New Luce.

8. Tenders for Project Management

It was reported that a further quote for the project management role of three projects in Kirkcowan is expected. Once that has been received, it will be evaluated along with the other quotes already tendered.

9. Youth Club Update

There was no update.

10. Grant applications

It was agreed that copies of the latest grant applications will be forwarded to KCDT Board members. Feedback on educational grants that have been approved was discussed. It was reported that there has been a high level of positive feedback from beneficiaries of the Educational Grant Scheme.

11. Kirkcowan Post Office and shop

Much discussion took place regarding the temporary arrangements and future possibilities of the Post Office and shop. Both the KCDT and the Kirkcowan Community Council (KCC) have explored and will continue to explore future options.

It was agreed that Charlie, Bill and Colin will attend the next KCC meeting, to be held on September 19th 2022, to explain the current position to members of the public. This will be added as an agenda item.

12. Financial update

It was agreed that Carol, Charlie and Andrew will become signatories for the United Trust Bank and action will be taken to put this in place. The final year accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022 were circulated. It was agreed that monies from maturing bonds will be reinvested.

13. Any other business

It was proposed that the KCDT website is completely revamped and regularly updated by the Trust Support Officer.

The administration of the next Winter Fuel Grant was discussed.

14. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 27th September at 7pm at the Autumn Club, Kirkcowan.