

KIRKCOWAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Board Meeting held on Tuesday 17th May 2022 at Machars Action, Wigtown

Minutes

1. In attendance

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

2. Other

Carol Lochrie (Machars Action), Nicki Chadwick (Trust Support Officer).

3. Welcome and apologies

Charlie welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Lynne Melville.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed, proposed by Martin and seconded by Hazel Johnston.

5. Matters arising

Charlie reported that the Kirkcowan School Summer Fete was a great success.

Andrew reported that the update on Jenna Morra Wood in the spring newsletter wasn't quite accurate. He stated that a forest management plan is needed regarding thinning out the woodland. He hopes that a plan will be in place to allow thinning to start in the winter months. Carol reported that she had received an email from Charles McEwan suggesting that community volunteers could carry out the work without any outside help. The Board agreed that they are not against community involvement in the work but need to look into health and safety issues.

Carol reported that she had received an email from David Baird from the Dumfries and Galloway Pine Marten Group stating that the group is actively looking for den sites and suggested Jenna Morra Wood. Andrew stated that he had also been approached by the group. Andrew and Charlie raised concerns about introducing pine martens to the wood as they are predators of both red and grey squirrels. It was agreed to invite Stephanie Johnstone, Chair of the Pine Marten Group, to speak to the Trust. Carol agreed to contact Stephanie to arrange this.

6. Youth Club Proposal

Carol gave a power point presentation on a proposal for the resurrection of the Youth Club. Discussion took place regarding accountability for existing equipment, the need to engage initial parental interest and the requirement to ensure all legalities and constraints are met.

7. Village Hall Meeting

Discussion took place regarding the outcome of the meeting of the 28th of April between the Trust and members of the Village Hall Committee. It was agreed that the proposals put forward at this meeting, whilst initially positive, need to be explored further as Bill felt that some members of the Hall Committee were not in favour. Carol agreed to contact Shalla Grey, Chair of the Village Hall Committee, to get an update on progress. She also agreed to

contact Kilgallioch Wind Farm regarding the feasibility of borrowing against the remaining 20 years of Wind Farm funding.

8. Tenders for Project Management

Carol reported that, to date, no tenders have been received for the Project Management invitation. Nicki agreed to forward a reminder as the deadline is the 31st of May.

Carol had distributed a sample of a weighting system to assess the tenders. Discussion took place regarding this process, which Carol had utilised in the past as a tried and tested system. Bill felt this system was confusing and proposed another method. There was no agreement forthcoming.

9. Financial update

The finance report for April was agreed. The Trust requested a copy of the end of year report.

10. Any other business

There was no other business.

11. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 22nd June at 7pm at the Autumn Club, Kirkcowan.