

KIRKOWAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Board Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd June 2022 at the Autumn Club, Kirkcowan

Minutes

1. In attendance

Charlie McNeill (Chair), Martin Marsh (Vice Chair), Bill Harkness, Hazel Johnston and 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 Hazel McWhirter, Lynne Melville and Andrew Gladstone.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

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

5. Matters arising

Carol reported that she had sent an email to Charles McEwan in response to his previous email regarding community volunteers assisting in forest management tasks at Jenna Morra Wood.

6. Presentation by Dr Stephanie Johnstone, Chair, Dumfries and Galloway Pine Marten Group

Stephanie Johnstone addressed the Board about the possibility of siting a pine marten box in Jenna Morra Wood. Dr. Johnstone said that pine martens are the second rarest mammal in the UK and are already active in Dumfries and Galloway. She addressed concerns that pine martens are a threat to native red squirrels, citing research that, in the long term, the presence of pine martens can help to strengthen the population of red squirrels. Charlie agreed to relay the details of the presentation to Andrew, with a decision to be reached at a later date on the pine marten box proposal.

7. Village Hall Meeting Update

It was reported that the lease of the Village Hall is to be extended for two years and that the Village Hall Committee will continue to explore plans regarding the future of the premises.

8. Tenders for Project Management Update

Nicki reported that only one tender had been received for the post of Project Manager for the Kirkcowan Play Park, Rest Garden and Primary School Grounds projects. It was agreed to extend the deadline for the invitation to tender.

9. Youth Club Update

Carol reported that she had not received an update on the proposed Youth Club and would request a progress report from Lynne Melville.

9. Financial update

The finance report for May was agreed. Carol reported that last year's accounts are being sent to the Trust's accountant.

10. Any other business

Charlie reported that events in Kirkcowan for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee were a huge success. The Board congratulated Hazel Johnstone, the Jubilee team and the Community Council for their great efforts. Hazel reported that the majority of the group that organised the Jubilee are happy to continue working together to organise an event in 2023 to mark 70 years since the Queen's Coronation.

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting for KCDT should be held in November 2022.

Hazel asked if there were any objections to renting out a marquee that had been bought by the Community Council with a grant from the KCDT. It was agreed that the marquee is the property of the Community Council so the council is free to use it as they wish. However, if the marquee is damaged and the council needs to replace it as a result of renting it out, obtaining another KCDT grant may be problematic.

11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 26th July at 7pm at the Autumn Club, Kirkcowan.