

KIRKCOWAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Board Meeting held on Tuesday 26th July 2022 at the Autumn Club, Kirkcowan

Minutes

1. In attendance

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

2. Other

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

3. Welcome and apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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. Vote on proposal to site a pine marten box in Jenna Morra Wood

The proposal by the Dumfries and Galloway Pine Marten Group to site a pine marten box in Jenna Morra Wood was discussed. It was reported that pine martens are already present in the area and therefore a pine marten box was deemed unnecessary. There was no support for the pine marten box proposal.

7. Village Hall Meeting - Update

It was agreed to follow up with the Village Hall Committee regarding plans for the future of the Village Hall building.

8. Tenders for Project Management Update

The tenders received to date for the post of Project Manager for the Kirkcowan Play Park, Rest Garden and Primary School Grounds projects were presented. The Board was informed that another tender was expected shortly.

9. Youth Club Update

It was agreed to determine what equipment is available at the village hall that could be used by a youth club. Parental interest in a youth club will be sought via Facebook and by asking the head teacher at the Primary School to put a message in the school newsletter.

10. Grant Application for Kirkcowan Primary School Play Park

It was agreed that confirmation will be sent to the head teacher at the Primary School that the grant application has been received but is on hold until a contractor has been secured to carry out the work on the play park. When a contractor has been employed and the final cost of the play park determined, the school will be informed so that they can have an input in the project.

11. The closure of Kirkcowan Post Office and shop

It was reported that the Kirkcowan Post Office and shop are to close unless a rescue package is found. The Board explored the possibility of KCDT paying the wages of the shop's employees directly with funds from the Kilgallioch Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. It was agreed that the Kilgallioch Community Funds Manager will be contacted to verify if such a suggestion is feasible within the remit of the Community Benefit Fund. The Board agreed to support the suggestion in principle, saying that the Post Office and shop are an essential community service.

12. Financial update

The finance report for June was agreed. No payments had been made or received.

13. Any other business

It was reported that a quote has been received for a forest felling plan for Jenna Morra Wood. The Board voted to accept the quote.

14. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 23rd August at 7pm at the Autumn Club, Kirkcowan.