



CDT Board Meeting Minutes: 5th December 2024
Hut 4, Cultybraggan Camp, PH6 2AB

Present: Mark Temple (Chair) (MT), Miles Key (MK), Ken Norton (Treasurer) (KN), Davie Robertson (DR), Lindsay Brown (LB), Fiona Blacke (FB), Andrea Loudon (AL), Jeremy Spurway (JS),

Apologies: none

Staff: Seona Anderson (SA), Olena Mazna (OM)

Visitors: Adrienne Clark (AC)

Minutes of Previous Meeting: there was a question about the split between confidential and non-confidential minutes which will be resolved via email before the next board meeting, and Miles Key was present and needs to be added. MT proposed the minutes and KN seconded them.

Declaration of Personal Interest: None since previous meeting.

3.1 Land Sales

Area around Hut 13, the legal document has been signed and we are awaiting payment.

3.5 Oxygen Conservation Update

There was a meeting held in Hut 4 with representative of Oxygen Conservation, CDT, Comrie Community Council, members of Strathearn community meeting (AL to provide meeting minutes for the files). Oxygen Conservation are a natural capital company specialising in land/biodiversity and carbon credits. Tree Story are carrying out tree restoration work for them. Oxygen Conservation are proposing a set of community benefit measures including: a circular walk at Lednock Loch, car parking at Ben Chonzie, Internship for local people, generator/accelerator unit potentially based at Cultybraggan, Eco tourism projects. There will be a quarterly meeting. The questions were how to communicate potential community benefit packages with the community. One suggestion was to use Mailchimp. LB said this was the main problem facing Comrie Community Council on how to communicate with their community. JS suggested collating a series of question based on Oxygen Conservations presentation as a starting point for a questionnaire. AL agreed to drive forward the model of engagement with local communities.

Reports sub-committees

4.1 Finance

Updates were sent out by the Treasurer and by the Finance Officer before the meeting. The finance officer presented a summary of our cash flow over the past 8 months which sits at - £2000. KN confirmed that we are still able to function even with fluctuations in the cash flow situation.

OM did also highlight the need to have a clear strategy for paying off the existing loans as well as our operating costs.

SA confirmed that we are sending out registered post letters with requests for formal payment plans for debtors.

4.2 Estates

DR: a couple of the rentable huts are full and are in the process of being emptied. DR is investigating the installation of electronic gates as the option for protecting against deer when the cattle grid is removed. DR is arranging a meeting and a quote. Cameras at the front gate will be monitored for deer.

5. Music Hub

JS. There will be a meeting this week with the music hub group. We need to be careful with funding resource for supporting new organisations. Colin Crawford, Music Hub Group and JS to have meeting to agree way forward on funding applications.

6. Strategic Plan Update

Meeting has been arranged in the Brown Church for 1pm to 4.30pm on Tuesday 10th of December for strategic planning. LB said that he would only be able to make part of the meeting.

7. Staff Updates

We have advertised for an Estates Maintenance Manager for 2 days per week. Application close Tuesday 10th of December at 12 noon. This person would line manage the caretaker.

8. AOB (Staff/trustee Christmas event)

A Christmas event has been agreed to go to the White Church on the 20th of December at 19.30. Plus ones are invited. Bring your own snacks. Action: MT to send out invites. FB to tell John Greer.

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting: Thursday 16th January at 7pm