



CDT Board Meeting

Date, Time & Location: 24th July 2025, 7pm, Hut 4 Cultybraggan Camp

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

Apologies: Ken Norton (KN)

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

Visitors: Tara Fraser

Declaration of Interest: No change since previous meeting

Proposal of previous minutes: AL

Seconding of previous minutes: MT

Chairs Report

- FB is still attending Comrie Community Council meetings
- There was good attendance at the CDT stall at Comrie Fortnight with c.40 new members signed up
- Action: FB to do the next members newsletter
- AL asked about youth membership, JS highlighted that there was provision for youth membership in existing constitution. Action FB to investigate.
- Elected Member, Stuart Donaldson, visited the camp in connection with the potential solar project.
- FB is to share H&S advice with tenants.
- Colin Crawford will upload the details of the Solar bid to Sharepoint
- Felicity Martin assisted with minutes
- The Just Enterprise meeting will be in mid August.

Financial Report

OM presented the July cashflow update in materials handed out at the meeting (the pdfs are attached to these board minutes)

- Cashflow Highlights - £14,000 is the monthly income which is a £1500 increase (with thanks to Miles Key and the estates team for the work to increase income & rentable properties)
- The VAT is paid quarterly so the cashflow is minus for this month. In addition we have had one of the Klargestor bills, additional rates bills and legal fees to pay this month.
- Cashflow projections Aug-Oct, end of Oct £30,673, but this also includes £15,000 from the CCW and £6,000 from the Orchard Group
- The trustees thanked OM for her work on CDT finances.

ESTATES (MK & MT)

MK

- Good month for new leases

- Unit 1 – 2 interested tenants, one tenants required new ceiling for food preparation. The board agreed that another unit should be offered. The other potential tenant for Unit 1 has outstanding arrears from their current unit. They will not be allowed to transfer without settling the debt or a payment plan

MT

- There will be bigger doors on the chapel
- There is a proposal for electrifying the chapel, the cost would be £1,000 and could be done within 3 weeks. MT also asked Scott Knox about linking to other huts in this area. JS asked about the cost/benefit of using funds to electrify the chapel above other tasks. LB highlighted that we need a procedure for agreeing spending priorities for items over a few hundred pounds. AL highlighted that the new CARES grant will be used to identify electricity infrastructure needs and priorities on the camp
- Cattle Grid – we are liaising with BM & Cultybraggan Camp to coordinate the removal and filling of the cattle grid.

DR

- The latest bill for replacing one of the drums on the Klargester will be around £8000. Trustees discussed the need to install fat traps and ensure regular emptying for all food preparation businesses on site. MK to get information on costs of fat traps, KN to draft letter to affected tenants

AL

- AL has been liasing with CAMPA (Campaign for AIREs) to identify 5 suitable pitches at Cultybraggan. This will cost £10 a night and they need access to water and a rubbish bin. CAMPA will apply to the council for the grant. It takes 28 days to get the license. There can be online payments and we can block off the pitches if we need to.

HERITAGE (DR)

- DR highlighted the success of the German Consuls visit which was covered in the Scotsman.
- We are still looking for match funding for the musuem roof and a bid has been made to CLLD funding through PKC.
- Conservation Management Plan (CMP) – DR asked for clarification on the CMP and JS explained that its aim is to highlight any key elements of built heritage that need to be conserved including buildings that are unique or special, relationship between listed and adjacent buildings and also information relevant to repairs or upgrading of units.

ENVIRONMENT (AL)

- The Carbon Credits Proposal is ongoing and information will be updated in due course.
- The CARES Stage 1 Bid was successful and it will be circulated as a Pdf. This is a grant for a feasibility and development stage for a solar project. The full project could include 385 solar panels which would cover 50% of the camps usage, plus battery storage. There is the potential to develop a community benefit fund which could provide up to £25,000 a year.
- There was a question about EV chargers on site for self-catering and others. This needs further investigation.
- There was a question about the potential for megacomposting to provide compost for wheat growing and updates will be provided to the board in due course.



COMMUNICATIONS (LB)

- There has been little progress to date with the website project. LB/JS/SA agreed to meet on Monday to develop a plan B for comms.

STAFFING (FB)

- The board recorded their thanks to Les Atack for all his work as a staff member and volunteer at CDT and wished him well in his retirement and hoped to see him as a volunteer in the future. There will be a proper thank you on the 1st September.
- FB has been carrying out an analysis of staffing roles
- The board agreed that the hours for maintenance supervisor will be increased by 5 hours per week.

AOB

Access

- There was a meeting at the Community Council on the ongoing access issue relating to the camp. The matter has been passed to Greenspace who intent to prosecute the access issue through legal means.

Actions

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- FB to investigate youth membership possibilities
- MK to get information on costs of fat traps, KN to draft letter to affected tenants