

# **DUNBLANE DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

## **Minutes of the DDT Board meeting held on 19th December 2011 at 7.30pm in the Braeport Centre**

### **1. Attendance and Apologies**

Present: Keir Bloomer (Chair), Steve Mason, Janice Stewart, Alan Booth, Alan Cessford, Kate Fawcett, Ian Gill, Tim Hughes, Neil Mackie, Bill Stewart, Dougal Thornton

Apologies: Malcolm Dougall

In attendance: Lorna Inglis (Minutes)

### **2. Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011**

The minutes were accepted as a correct record, proposed by Neil, seconded by Ian.

### **3. Matters arising from previous minutes**

Development Group: Steve will arrange a meeting with Terence O'Byrne to discuss the best way forward.

Christmas Lights: The Midweek group was warmly thanked for putting up the lights. DCC have contributed £350 towards the cost of the lights and the festive greenery for the town centre.

### **4. Draft Minutes of 2011 AGM**

The draft minutes were accepted as a true record and will be posted on the website.

### **5. Discussion on Riverview**

Keir, Steve and Alan C met with David Gill to discuss the cost of fitting out the restaurant and kitchen. £40k had originally been assigned for this, with a view to letting the premises as a bistro-type restaurant. Rental income from the Riverview flats currently covers the interest charges on the current loan.

A discussion followed on the benefits of trying to attract other types of restaurants, in light of the current development of the Stirling Arms, along with the implications of increasing the amount to be spent on the final fit-out. The Board emphasised that its essential aim in terms of the Riverview project is to increase footfall in the High Street.

It was agreed to meet with Malcolm before the next Board meeting to keep him informed of recent Board discussions. Neil agreed to look round Riverview to assess the situation and report back. The current timescale for tenancy of the restaurant will stand but this could change if the situation demands. The Board warmly thanked Janice for her persistence in recovering around £93k in VAT on the Riverview project.

### **6. Dunblane in Bloom**

Dougal and Alan C have met with Sandy McKay, George Matthews and Jenny Houston. The DiB group indicated they were keen to raise money for a replacement vehicle and its running costs and the Board agreed to this. Tim agreed to revise the wording of the membership renewal letter to ensure greater clarity in the channelling of donations.

It was noted that Sandy MacKay is to be Dunblane in Bloom's representative on the Board: Keir and Tim will meet with Sandy shortly.

### **7. Braeport Maintenance**

The report from BCAG was noted, with the amendment of the Braeport Centre surplus to £67k. The paper outlines the planned programme of work for the Braeport Centre. Stirling Council is happy for DDT to undertake small-scale repairs on its own but larger projects such as re-pointing the building will be referred to Stirling Council to ensure all Health and Safety requirements are met. All the proposals and requested maximum budgets were agreed.

