

DUNBLANE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Draft Minutes of the DDT Board meeting held on 21 June 2010 at 7pm in the Braeport Centre

Present: Steve Mason (Chair of Meeting)
Dougal Thornton (Company Secretary)
Janice Stewart (Treasurer)
Alan Booth
Lawrie Dewar
Malcolm Dougall
David Gill
Morag Watson

Observer: Keir Bloomer

In attendance: Monica Cessford (Minutes)

Apologies: Nora Gilfillan, Tim Hughes, Jessica Lindohf, Bill Stewart

1. Appointment of Director

Keir Bloomer was elected as a Director.

2. Ratification of new DDT members

Agreed to delegate authority to the Membership Secretary to check new members' eligibility and propose to AGM the deletion of the requirement in the Mems and Arts for ratification at Board meetings.

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting

Note on Accountability of DDT (Projects) Ltd : In relation to trading surplus, it was agreed that the words 'it can be anticipated that' would be taken out so that the wording reads 'any trading surplus created by Projects will be donated to DDT'.

Mem & Arts of DDT (Projects) Ltd – After discussion it was agreed to make no changes.

Gift for the retiring Membership Secretary – Agreed

Action: Janice and Lorna

Website – Morag has set up domain names and will set up email addresses. There will be an automatic link between the Dunblane website and the DDT site. High quality photographs are needed.

Dunblane in Bloom – Received £500 from the Stirling Community Grant.

4. Sus-it-out Feedback

Forward Scotland's report to be circulated with questions to Board members. £1500 worth of training available in, for example, charities law.

Action: Morag

5. Funding Options

Morag outlined funding possibilities from renewable energy, quoting Fintry's experience and suggested taking soundings from the DDT membership. She agreed to provide a report for further consideration. Alan agreed to find out the intentions re Airtricity's Doune Braes windfarm. Agreed to discuss again at the August Board meeting.

Action: Morag and Alan

6. Memoranda and Articles of Association

Latest version to be sent to OSCR and DTAS, and for discussion at July Board meeting.

7. Communications

Agreed to buy two roll-up exhibition boards, a banner and a mobile phone.

Action: Steve

8. Reports

- 8.1 Finance - A significant number of new members had been signed up at the primary schools fetes and the Fling, and a vote of thanks to Andy McLaren was recorded. First Rail had contributed £1000+ to Dunblane in Bloom, and £750 from the Fling had now been banked.
- 8.2 DDT (Projects) Ltd – The QS cost report had just been received which showed some of the contingencies had been expended, but still projecting the final figure to be the original amount tendered. Amended planning permission for change of use had gone in. The question of appointing an agent to advise on the type of lease and how to market the property to be considered at the July Board meeting.
Action: David and Malcolm
- 8.3 Community Council – The office bearers had all been re-elected at the AGM. Several Whitecross residents attended and there was much discussion about the potential developments in the town.
- 8.4 DDT/DCC Working Group on LDP – David thought an all-encompassing spatial town plan was needed before any of the developments currently being discussed were agreed to. Agreed this was a sensible idea but the means of getting into the Stirling Council process was the difficulty. Suggested this be raised at the meeting on 1st July arranged by Stirling Council.
- 8.5 Environment Working Group – Had met twice and the five main issues raised were on the website. The paths in the Memorial Park were being assessed, and a report was being compiled on the town's play parks with a view to working with Stirling Council to improve them.
- 8.6 Development Working Group – Met on 16th June and discussed the LDP MIR. Ian Stein's Urban Design Futures was also discussed.

- 8.7 Communities Working Group/Braeport – Had met twice and minutes were on the website. A Braeport Users Council to be set up. £3K funding from DTAS and the 15 days' consultancy would be used to employ a surveyor to provide 30 year life cycle costings and to develop the business plan.
- 8.8 Mid Week Group – Agreed to create an account. They will be knocking down the Braeport office partition over the Winter.

9. Email from Gadget Hub re Traders Group

Noted Helen Gourlay was planning to set up a traders' association. An open night was being held in the High Street on 21 June.

10. Membership

Agreed that when members rejoin, fee for years missed should not be asked for. Agreed to ask the AGM whether the fee should be increased.

11. Retail Capacity Study

The report would be put onto the website.

12. Other Business

David notified the Board of his intention to resign from the DDT Board. He planned to continue on the DDT (Projects) Ltd Board.

The AGM would be held in the Victoria Hall on 23 October.

13. Dates of next meetings

Monday 19 July and Monday 16 August.