

Holmehill Ltd

Minutes Open Meeting of Board in Braeport Centre

Thursday 3 November 2011

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| 1 | <p>In attendance: The meeting was attended by Chris Spray [in the Chair], Steve Mason, Dave Topliff, Richard Bland, Rosemary Bland, Libby Hughes, David Prescott, Phill Tebbutt, Lorraine Stassin, Alison Brown, Andy Gould, Jean Marie Stassin, David Stubbs and Liz, a visitor.</p> <p>Apologies from Caroline Crawford, Claire Watt and Geoffrey Osborn</p> | Action |
| 2 | <p>Minutes 31 August meeting were accepted</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Matters arising from the minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Unsafe trees and wall</u> David Stubbs advised that it is the Landowners responsibility to maintain their land, including walls and trees. Generous grants are available to help with the maintenance of trees. It was agreed that if we deem any trees or branches to be potentially dangerous we should write to Mr Stirling informing him.• <u>Roe deer statues</u> still waiting to be found a home. | SM/DP |
| 4 | <p>Finances The finances are satisfactory. Accountants and deer sculptor have been paid. Printing of Calendars still to be paid. Anticipated income from Blues night and sale of Calendars.</p> | SM |
| 5 | <p>Stirling Council Draft Proposed Local Development Plan This has been published and there is to be an additional period of consultation until 16 December before a Proposed LDP is published next year. There will be a drop-in session at Braeport on 18 November to question Council officers. CS summarised details of the document with particular reference to Holmehill and Bogside. Generally the proposed plan is favourable. It recognises Holmehill as ‘a prominent natural landmark [which] creates a green heart to the centre of the town and wooded backdrop in many views’. No building is proposed on the part of Holmehill currently owned by Allanwater Developments. There is a proposal for the building of 10 ‘units’ on Bogside, on Council-owned land. It was agreed we should respond before 16 December. CS letter of 30 July 2011 is still valid, but should be redrafted to respond to the Draft Proposed LDP. LH to redraft, send to CS and then Board for comments. All HH members to be encouraged to attend drop-in session and respond to Proposed LDP.</p> | LH/CS/ all Board |
| 6 | <p>Adopt a Path Training CS, RB, DT and LH have done this and will report quarterly to Council officers on the state of the Core Path over Holmehill, and its ‘furniture’. Any potentially dangerous situations should be reported immediately.</p> | CS/RB/ DT/LH |

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| 7 | Events and Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012 Calendar. Looks excellent. Caroline, Alan and Steve were thanked for their hard work. 500 copies. DP is co-ordinating sales through local shops, phone orders and Victoria Hall Girl Guides sale. • Litter Pick on Holmehill. LS organised on 29 October. Went well with 10 volunteers removing large abandoned items. • Blues Night Victoria Hall, Saturday 12 November. DT and SM will co-ordinate. Need volunteer helpers. • Environmental surveys. Continue, recording the wildlife on the hill. Many nuthatches seen this year. A dead owl had been found, apparently uninjured. It has been sent for analysis and toxicology testing. • Braeport Open Day 10 September. Unfortunately poorly attended. | DP |
| 8 | Community Woodlands Association AGM 12 - 13 November. Apologies will be sent as we are unable to attend. | LH |
| 9 | Website and Blog Richard Bland has kindly agreed to upload information which members forward to him. | RB |
| 10 | Dates for 2012 meetings agreed, provided Braeport available. Monday 23 January Tuesday 20 March Wednesday 13 June Thursday 23 August [AGM] Monday 12 November | |
| 11 | AOCB AG informed about a project in Newburgh which had transformed a site through local active community action. | |
| 12 | Date of Next Meeting. Monday 23 January 7.30 Braeport | |