

DRAFT MINUTE

Special meeting of the Board to discuss Bumblebee Square

Monday 15th July 2013, CDT office, 7:30pm

Item	Action
<p>1) Welcome and apologies</p> <p><u>Present:</u> David McCall, Malcolm Allan, Davey Robertson, Blair Urquhart, William Levack, Bob Hughes, Alan Caldwell, Emma Margrett.</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> Claire Mullan</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Bill Knox, Chris Palmer, Lisa MacDermid, Naomi Clarke, Andy Heming and Will Reid.</p>	
<p>2) Consideration of the minute of the last meeting</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <p>Bunker – see confidential minute</p> <p>Repairing lease hut scheme update.</p> <p>To date, 7 applications had been made with a further 8 expressing an interest. As only 6 huts had been set aside for the initial phase, CCWG had discussed and decided that a panel of 3 board members should be convened to consider all applications and make hut allocations. This panel would make its recommendations to CCWG who would refer to the Board in the event of difficulty in reaching a decision.</p> <p>It was noted that this was an initial trial phase and another phase of huts may be released either now or in the future.</p> <p>After some discussion it was agreed to leave the details of such decisions to the Allocation Panel. A closing date of 31st July was agreed with a decision on allocation to be made within one week of that date.</p> <p>The minute of the meeting of the 29th April 2013 was approved.</p>	<p>CM - to inform all applicants and follow up all enquiries</p> <p>CM – print and file in the office public folder and publish on website</p>
<p>3) Consideration of an application to join the Board</p> <p>An application to join the Board had been received from Sharon Rice-Jones. This was unanimously approved.</p>	<p>CM – to inform Sharon and issue the appropriate paperwork</p>

4) Bumble Bee Square

The owner of the square had recently held a public drop-in session to present plans to develop the site for flats and a Cooperative supermarket.

The Board were asked to consider what the CDT response should be.

It was suggested that the Board should enable and assist where possible. However, the question was raised as to who and what that assistance is being offered to.

The Friends of the Square are currently leading the local campaign to raise funds to buy the square from the developer. This group is a registered SCIO. The current aim is to raise £100,000.

It wasn't clear whether this group had met with the developer to establish how much he would sell for or what the time frame would be for raising funds.

The community right to buy legislation had been considered but the advice had been that this wouldn't be a viable option due to the site being on the market.

A representative from the Scottish Land Fund would be meeting with the Friends of the Square on Wednesday 17th July.

Comrie Community Council had called a meeting for Thursday 18th July to establish a steering process.

It was agreed that Davey Robertson would represent the Trust at this meeting as follows:

CM - to prepare notes for DR

- The CDT Board support the Square
- The CDT would like to offer assistance to whatever steering group emerges.
- There is no money available to offer any financial support
- The sale of the land on the hillground remains an option that can be explored but the timescales for that would be 12-24 months.

It was noted that CDT staff could not spend time writing funding applications as they are not funded to do so. Such support would have to come from Board or Trust volunteers.

5) Comrie Fortnight

The Comrie Foundation would be taking a stall at the Street

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Market on Saturday 22nd July. Board members would be welcome to come along.

The Foundation also planned to enter a float in the parade.

It was confirmed that an Open Day wouldn't be held at the Camp this year as there had been a big event in June and another coming up in September.

It was suggested that the Board should take a more active part in the Comrie Fortnight and that such events could be planned to co-incide with the Fortnight next year.

9) AOCB

Hut 4 proposal

The Arch Network had recently had to vacate premises in the village and as the sale had not yet been concluded on Hut 17, the proposal was that Hut 4 could be made temporarily available on a repairing lease basis.

A separate joint venture proposal had also been received from Arch Network.

It was noted that Blair Urquhart had an interest to declare in Arch Network and as such he should take no further part in the discussion. This was confirmed along with an interest in the application for a repairing lease received from Mairi Urquhart.

Further discussion on all of the above would be conducted by CCWG.

10) Consideration of membership applications

Two applications for associate membership had been received. Both were approved.

CM - to inform the applicants and update the records.

11) CLOSE – the meeting closed at 9:30pm
