

## **Comrie Development Trust**

### **Special Board Meeting**

**Monday 16 November 2015, CDT office, 7:30pm**

#### **MAIN MINUTES**

#### **1. Attending – Present, Apologies**

**Present:** Bill Thow, Helen Buchan; Bob Hughes; William Levack; Chris Palmer; Sharon Rice-Jones; Andrew Reid

**Apologies:** Ray McMaster, David Robertson

#### **2. Annual General Meeting – 8 December 2015**

AGM Draft Agenda:

Item 3 – Bill Thow to give short verbal report of highlights from the 2014/15 Annual Report;

Item 4 - Bob Hughes to deliver Treasurer's Report on the Annual Accounts 2014/15, including reference to the amount of debts cleared by property sale proceeds;

New Item 5 – Agreed to present explicitly the detailed position concerning current CDT finances, pressures and options for future development, and to seek AGM approval through three Ordinary Resolutions for a major development strategy, focussed on heritage, rescheduling of the SIS loans and deferred CDT debt repayment, and recognition of the need for additional volunteer support – also agreed that the first resolution should propose balloting CDT members to approve a feasibility study and following such a study concerning subsequent proposals.

In keeping with the CDT M&A requirements, AGM papers need to be e-mailed or posted out by Saturday 21 November. Assistance from Board members was requested with this mailing.

#### **3. Board structure, recruitment and volunteer support**

**Action:** It was agreed that the Board would consider the structure and workings of the Board at its first meeting after the AGM, and that the various interest groups related to CDT activities would be contacted to seek support for CDT work.

**Action:** It was agreed to seek to reconvene an Advisory Group made up of local people from the various professional backgrounds, who would support and inform CDT work.

#### **4. Post AGM Plan Consultation Discussion**

**Action:** It was agreed that the focus for consultation group discussions after the AGM should be on the first two of the questions suggested, i.e. the matters requiring examination in a feasibility study about Cultybraggan Camp as a major visitor destination, and Trust communications plan consultation about its five-year plan. The third question concerning recruitment to the Board and Working Groups, and of volunteer support for a range of Trust activities, should be pursued if that matter had not been fully covered in the earlier discussion of the relevant Ordinary Resolution.

## **5. Any Other Business**

### **a) Heinrich Sreinmeyer Legacy**

**Action:** Sharon Rice-Jones to circulate CDT position statement for Board consideration.

### **b) CDT office administration**

Claire Mullen is returning to assist with office administration on a temporary basis until mid-December and is to work on a number of tasks identified by Bill Thow.

### **c) Meeting for Visitor Providers**

Following discussions involving Andrew Donaldson (Comrie Croft), Bill Thow and Andrew Reid during the recent Scottish Government Leader visit, and as agreed, Andrew Donaldson had arranged a meeting for local visitor providers, including hotel and other tourist accommodation providers, to take place on 19 November. Bill Thow and Andrew Reid would be representing the CDT Board, Ann Petrie would be making a presentation about the Board's Cultybraggan Camp proposals, and other board members might be in attendance on the basis of other personal visitor/tourism connections. Steven MacDonald, Leader Coordinator for Perth and Kinross Council also made a presentation to the meeting. He met with Bill Thow, Bob Hughes and Andrew Reid for an earlier meeting about a potential CDT application for Leader funding.

### **d) Site Management**

#### **i. Land Purchase Offer**

Details of an offer made by another party are contained in the Confidential Minute. – Not being pursued by the board

#### **ii. Officers Mess**

Sharon Rice-Jones reported on work proposed for the Officer's Mess, with decoration which would allow it to be used for catering purposes. The issue of long-term use was raised within the context of the camp becoming a major visitor destination, and the potential for the Officers' Mess to become a catering resource for much bigger visitor numbers. Sharon explained that the proposed changes were not intended as permanent, but to provide resources until the wider camp plan was established.

#### **iii. Tower by Hut 22**

Sharon Rice-Jones mentioned proposals to create a climbing wall using the tower by Hut 22.

## **6. Date of Next Meeting – Monday, 30 November 2015**