



ALYTH DEVELOPMENT TRUST

The work of the directors supports the environmental, social and economic wellbeing of the community of Alyth

Minutes for Meeting of Directors: 4.1.2021 7:00 pm via Zoom

1. Standing items/compliance

- a. Attendees/guests *We were joined by Dot Mackenzie of ACGS, Johanna Smith, Clare Damodaran of Blair Advertiser, and Rachel duBois. Meeting was ably chaired by Cathy Scott.*
- b. Minutes from last meeting *approved as written*
- c. Financial reports *rec'd with thanks* DW
- d. Comms report: questions? *Rec'd with thanks* KC

2. For discussion/decision/brief updates

- a. Board Recruitment and Succession: *an ongoing effort and all interested are encouraged to attend a few meetings to see what we do, how we do it, and why we do it.*
- b. Any news from ACGS? ASH/DM
The wish list for the equipment for flooding is on the ACGS FB page; we have about 100 new hydrosnakes in the flood container now; full list of equipment being organized and updated. ACGS work continues on Food4Thought, resilience, flooding, and the newly emerging Mental Health Team.
- c. Jubilee Park Project state of play (including energy plans), walking path plans, public consultation, updates? KC
Next meeting on this is now set for 19th Jan. @ 7 PM; young people to be engaged in designing the consultation process; once plans are in place we hope to raise additional funds for this project; would like to see this project be part of the overall Community Action Plan; we also want to partner fully with ACGS on consultation as DM, Chair of that group, is already seeking input from our community about how they might like to see this important community space take shape. After Covid, our understanding of the need for shared spaces and green spaces is heightened.
- d. Alyth flood forecasting - research by Dr Andrew Black and student with input from Alistair Barron and Gary Martin. Possibility of additional weather stations at head of Alyth catchment? CS
CS reported that this weather station idea would give us even more predictive capability about rising waters in the Den and the Burn – would supplement Rivertrack. Next action is approach the Forestry Commission (SM to identify contact) and also then approach Temporis to fund this as they own the Windfarm. Might also approach Drumderg. We want to continue to build strong relations with large landowners on issues of the environment and public use.
- e. Food for Thought fundraising campaign CS
Work in progress but GiftAid page almost ready to launch
- f. Alyth.online - current status and plan going forward CS
This work with young people on a local website design and implementation had to be halted for Covid; after discussion it was agreed that we would launch what KC has managed to put together and that we would involve local business owners in this vital promotion of the town. Next action is for KC to liaise with CS on what he has done (for which many thanks) so far to iron out technical issues.

- g. Climate Challenge: Keeping it Local** (briefing sheet from Dec. to be reviewed for any programming ideas for the town, attached again) CS, all
*We want to continue to promote the work of the Blair Climate Café as they have such good programming on very specific and actionable topics; the idea of a competition for school kids about how to tell this story was mooted; We could promote any events or information through Thrifty One, Food For Thought, Alyth Voice; the briefing sheet sent round for last meeting on this had several resources including the Women's Institute for Wales presentation which could be adapted with their permission; RYWT agreed to reach out to the Climate Outreach Information Network for local resources (see resources suggested by them below***); DW has a brother in the Met Office who could give us advice on how to further personalize and promote the site below. NB this work probably will benefit from a project lead taking it on for six months.*
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/resources/idt-d6338d9f-8789-4bc2-b6d7-3691c0e7d138>
- h. CAP planning: next actions RYWT
Training dates now received from PKC and circulated via a Doodle poll to everyone who has expressed an interest. Ad for Community Connector circulated to Directors and others.
- i. Gift Aid update CS
As noted in progress
- j. Cycle Path update DW
Work continues to get all paths sorted for public use
- k. Grants Cycles 2021: Set dates DW, all
During Feb we will promote the grant cycle and it will close in early March – given timing of ADT meeting on 1 March we may require a very brief extraordinary meeting to approve Community Grants Panel recommendations so that there is not a long delay between decision and communication with applicants.
- l. grants writer job description for DJP, F4T and other activities (to be circulated) approved as written, RYWT to detail metrics of performance and add to job description, circulate to the group and then advertise.

3. Wrap up and commitments/actions

4. Date and Time of Next Meeting: 1 February 2021 via zoom @7 pm.

*As we now have two board members with initials AS, ASH is Alan and ASK is Andrew.

**Book suggestion from Cathy: [How to talk about Climate Change In a Way That Makes a Difference](#) by Rebecca Huntley

*****Good resources for talking about Climate Change to local communities:**

1. [15 Key Consequences](#) – image and descriptions of key consequences of climate change identified in the first Scottish Government's Climate Change Adaptation Programme.
2. [Climate Ready Places](#) – visual and interactive activity to visualise what an unadapted and adapting place may look like through examples of typical Scottish landscapes
3. [Community Adaptation Actions Report](#) – a guide to different adaptation actions communities may take and links to relevant case studies