



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

Minutes for Meeting of Directors: 3.5.2021 7:00 pm via Zoom

1. Standing items/compliance

- a. Attendees/guests *Joined by Dot McKenzie, ACSG & Laura Rodger, Community Connector*
- b. Minutes from last meeting *approved* SM, meeting chair
- c. Financial reports *rec'd with thanks* DW
- d. Comms report: *rec'd with thanks* KC

2. For discussion/decision/brief updates

- a. ACSG update DM
*DM noted that she is hoping to lead on getting a summer market started in town which was enthusiastically noted; discussion of how to manage new birdlife in town in line with law and animal welfare (KC to research further***); Building Bridges work continues and grows; discussion of a town event on the June Church holiday.*
- b. Community Action Planning LJR
First CAP steering group meeting went very well with a great turnout; Discussion of using Instagram as communication channel for this important work which is strongly supported; interview protocols and lists now developed and desk research started. LJR will report at next meeting when the work will be well underway.
- c. Community Orchard: update deferred EH (not attending)
- d. Jubilee Park Project state of play SB
- e. Board recruitment SM
This very important ongoing work continues. Hope that CAP process will identify some new board members, and noted what a strong group we already have. DM to chat with SM about this, and RYWT to circulate papers on what the role is and the skills matrix we designed some time ago. (NB done)
- f. AGM SM
This will be held on Thursday, 16 September subject to Community Wing availability. KC to explore if it could be a hybrid event with some livestreaming to encourage broad participation. Presentations from grantees desirable again this year, KC will be in touch with them after the grant chart has been updated by RYWT; agreed that we should identify a Trust chair by this meeting as a matter of good practice although rotating chairing of meetings is working well.
- g. BEPTA membership/involvement KC
KC will sign us up again now that this group has been revived.
- h. Cycle Path update *no news* DW
- i. Derelict Land Fund update RYWT
We are keeping them involved in our evolving discussions about a public use for Millhaugh and how this might be incorporated into the Community Action Plan as a long-term goal
- j. Fundraising update: activities to date *Colin Reed busy at work and will update us all at the next meeting and each month. Over a dozen good prospects identified. Support sought from DTAS to extend this work.*
- k. Community news

3. Wrap up and commitments/actions

4. Next Meeting will be held on Zoom on 7 June at 7 pm and David Whipps will chair

Addendum to minutes following research on item 2a ***

All species of gull are protected in terms of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (UK Parliament), as amended by Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 (Scottish Parliament).

The basic principle is that all wild birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law. Some, but not all, species of gull may be killed or otherwise controlled all year round in certain clearly defined circumstances and only by certain specified humane means. Specific protections by species:

- Little gulls and Mediterranean gulls are specially protected at all times.
- Common gulls and black-headed gulls (the ones on top of Classic Restorations?) are protected at all times and may only be controlled where they pose a threat to air safety at airports or aerodromes.
- Great black-backed gulls, lesser black-backed gulls may be killed or taken by authorised persons under the terms of General Licence SGGL 01/2008 for the conservation of wild birds.
- Great black-backed gulls and herring gulls may be killed or taken by authorised persons under the terms of General Licence SGGL 2/2008 for the purpose of preventing serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs for livestock, crops, vegetables and fruit.
- Herring gulls, and great and lesser black-backed gulls may be killed or taken by authorised persons (including destruction of nests/eggs) under the terms of certain General Licence SGGL 3/2008 to protect public health, public safety and prevent the spread of disease.

If the gulls on top of Classic Restorations are black-headed or common gulls then it doesn't look as though much can be done. If they're Herring gulls, then we'd need to demonstrate a threat to public health, which might be difficult.