



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

Minutes for Meeting of Directors: 7.6.2021 7:00 pm via Zoom

1. Standing items/compliance

- a. Attendees/guests *Clare Damodaran, Dot McKenzie, Laura Rodger, Colin Reed, Scott Macdonald*
- b. Minutes from last meeting *approved* CS, 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
Farmers market idea will be adapted to practical circumstances and avoid use of the Square as licensing may be problematic. Smaller scale to start (perhaps in Courtyard in association with Café in the Square or perhaps along Pittnacree St.) DM will advise.
- b. Community Action Planning LJR
Surveys in the Voice and major survey activity underway and on schedule
- c. Land and Asset Ownership: Discussion re Forestry land and Sawmill RYWT/CS, All
*Directors of the Trust need to commit to our view on owning assets on behalf of the town that will benefit all. Looking at a community benefit for old sawmill site (Millhaugh) and also looking at how to engage with AHUG on expanding the community orchard space. **Action is to decide this in the next few months** as it may become more or less desirable depending on the asset and the ongoing responsibility and liability. Noted that during Covid Forestry has stepped well back from their obligations to repair and maintain spaces. To be discussed at a future meeting.*
- d. Jubilee Park Project state of play SB
Awaiting feedback from PKC Greenspace manager who has apologised for delay in answering our questions and reiterated her support for our work on this public space. Need to determine how the ownership and benefit in perpetuity to the town will be formalised in writing.
- e. Board recruitment (see attachments) CS, All
We are hoping the CAP process will interest some younger people in joining our board or in being engaged in projects. Young person engagement (16 is the lowest eligible age for a director) could take many forms, and all strongly agreed it is to be encouraged. CS will be attending a seminar on this topic later in the month and will report back.
- f. AGM RYWT
Still awaiting confirmation from PKC via John Corrigan about availability of Community Wing, apparently guidelines and opening dates still not clear after a year.
- g. BEPTA membership/involvement KC
We will watch how this develops and Clare D. is very engaged with this and will send a link to their last meeting notes.
- h. Cycle Path update DW
Awaiting progress with landowner who changed his mind about access.
- i. Fundraising update: activities to date CR
Very clear and comprehensive report from Colin Reed on his work thus far, the key prospects and likely projects, and a reiteration of our plans to raise funds to advance our projects and for directors to take part in cultivation and stewardship as they feel able.
- j. Community news
SM updated on SSEN – and will continue to take part in community meetings on this if and when they are held. No adverse impact on Alyth identified thus far. Congratulations extended to Laura Rodger and Grant Train who organised a highly successful launch of the new gaming group with 78 members already in the group. CS said that the community garden is going well and a regular group is forming.

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 8:20 pm. Next meeting 5 July @ 7 pm on zoom.

RE: Item 2e Cathy Scott attending seminar and will advise

Encouraging young people to get involved in development trusts
Expressions of interest sought for potential project

DTAS needs your help in scoping out a potential demonstrator project in partnership with [Young Enterprise Scotland](#) and the [Scottish Towns Partnership](#) (STP).

The project concept is simple – A digital programme delivered live by the experts from Young Enterprise Scotland over several sessions which encourages young people (12-16) to work with their development trust.

The aim of the project is *'To encourage and support young people to be excited about their local places by developing a project and outcome-led activity to improve their town or place'*.

Please email Lucy (lucy@dtascot.org.uk) with expressions of interest by 19th May.

We will then organise an early conversation to gauge interest and get input from members on the shape of the proposal and discuss how it might work.

(Note - although STP are involved, this project will not necessarily focus on towns)