



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

Minutes for Meeting of Directors: 2.8.2021 7:00 pm via Zoom

1. Standing items/compliance

- a. Attendees/guests *Apologies from D Whipps, A Shaw, A Skea*
George Hall attended as guest, as did Laura Rodger, community connector
- b. Minutes from last meeting RYWT, meeting chair
- c. Financial reports *circulated by DW in advance, rec'd with thanks*
- d. Comms report: *rec'd with thanks* KC

2. For discussion/decision/brief updates

- a. ACSG update *deferred* DM
- b. Community Action Planning update (including event) LJR
As survey work is winding down and writing of community profile and key themes commences, we are delighted with the level of response. We believe the final numbers will be between 25 and 30% engagement. The work of the Community Connector in particular was noted and applauded!
- c. John Corrigan retirement *Agreed that we will send a formal letter of appreciation, RYWT to speak with M. Todd about this to ensure it gets to him.*
- d. Land and Asset Ownership: Scout Field/AHUG CS/RYWT
We have agreed in the past, and have in our founding documents, that we can own assets if that is the best way to deliver community benefit. AHUG would like for us to consider purchasing a small piece of land colloquially called the Scout Field from FLS and we discussed that there could be a discounted price owing to the community benefit formula for such land purchases. We agreed that taking into account all factors including relationships with adjacent landowners, we would like to see a letter from AHUG requesting that we purchase the land, giving us an estimated price, requesting the mutual drafting of a legally binding full repairing lease for AHUG. We support this idea in principle and would like to explore the next step to purchasing this land from FLS. We further agreed that we would like to see AHUG have a stall at the Community Futures event. RYWT will ask them.
Please refer to this link for a map of the area to be discussed
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1Aphryrn6fmZ5vdQhIQNZZuZhiuzawVG1&usp=sharing>
- e. Jubilee Park Project state of play (site visit completed)
SB unable to attend meeting but site visit went well, work will go ahead and he will arrange the next meeting. Fundraising can now begin for this project.
- f. Visitor Experience Team (please see note at end of agenda) RYWT
Simon M. has kindly volunteered to attend these meetings to assess how we may be involved. (RYWT subsequently connected him to Bill Taylor) George Hall has kindly agreed to be back-up if needed.
- g. Youth Board recruitment update CS
No news yet on our grant application
- h. Dr. Bike CS
CS has kindly submitted an application for this project, assisted by Colin Reed. No results yet.
- i. Skate Park developments LR
Investigation of pop up rentals continues – LR to speak with Ayrshire Council who own their own equipment. This could be a great way to determine interest in a sport that has been highlighted at the Olympics! There is already strong interest in our town for having this facility, and it will no doubt feature at the Community Futures Event as well.
- j. Business Incubator for Alyth RYWT

For future development, but it has become a recurring theme that small businesses and entrepreneurs in Alyth could use a service that helps them with back office and marketing functions. Generally agreed to be worth looking into further. RYWT will report back at a future meeting on this business incubator idea, taking into account costs, risks and interested parties.

k. AGM

RYWT

All agreed it is safest to plan on a virtual meeting, set for 16 September. KC to publicise to members and on the website. We will need to review who will be standing for election and who will be stepping down. And we need to resolve a chair!

l. Community news

3. Next Meeting

Details for item 2e above: A note from Bill Taylor who presented to us some months ago

You attended the Tourism Gathering last November and we want to update you on a few things. We are looking for your involvement in helping to drive forward actions on improving the visitor experience in our area. This request comes following a recent meeting chaired by Cllr Shiers and involving BEPTA, Proactive Communities in Blairgowrie and Rattray and the CATERAN Ecomuseum. We were looking at a potential list of projects to submit to Visit Scotland's Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund, the next round of which closes on 13th August. This was felt to be too short a time scale for now, but we want to be well placed for future bidding opportunities. A range of infrastructure projects in the A93 corridor were identified and we want to have these ready to go for what is likely to be a further round in the future. There will clearly be other areas of development in our area that need action.

It was clear to all of us that we need an Action Group to drive this kind of work forward. This would assist the work of BEPTA, which is focusing on marketing at the moment. We would like to hear from you if you would wish to get involved to ensure your local patch is well represented in future developments. We would particularly like an individual from each of the 5 Development Trusts that cover our area to sit on this Group, and from some of the tourism groupings that already exist. We can only drive this work forward if we work together and a specific group to do this is considered essential. Please get back in touch if you would like to get involved.

I am no longer a Trustee of BRDT, but I am now involved with BEPTA and the Ecomuseum. For future correspondence to me please use bill@billtaylorassociates.co.uk.

Thanks

Bill Taylor