

KIRKCOWAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

**Board Meeting held on Tuesday 13th December at 7pm at the
Autumn Club, Kirkcowan.**

Minutes

1. In attendance

Charlie McNeill (Chair), Bill Harkness, Hazel Johnston, Lynne Melville, Martin Marsh, Colin Richardson and Andrew Gladstone.

2. Other

Carol Lochrie (Machars Action) and Nicki Chadwick (KCDT Support Officer).

3. Welcome and apologies

Apologies received from Hazel McWhirter. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed, proposed by Lynn and seconded by Bill.

5. Matters Arising

It was reported that the Chair and the KCDT Support Officer had held a meeting with a representative from Scottish Power. They discussed how to improve community engagement of KCDT.

6. Winter Fuel Allowance

It was reported that all payments had been made to residents who had applied for the Winter Fuel Allowance. Some residents had not received cheques, possibly due to the Royal Mail postal strikes.

7. Village Hall

There was no update.

8. Jenna Morra Wood

It was reported that there had been a good turnout for the Jenna Morra Wood open meeting. Regular sessions will take place on some Saturday mornings for volunteers to meet and assist in any work taking place in the wood. Andrew Gladstone reported that he will contact any potential volunteers by email to inform them of dates to meet.

It was also suggested that any felled wood is left to rot for the benefit of wildlife. The Chair agreed to process any wood that would be suitable for firewood at his sawmill. Andrew Gladstone reported that he will seek quotes from locals who could fell the wood.

9. Website update

The proposed new layout for the website was discussed and overwhelmingly supported. The KCDT Support Officer requested that Board Members email any suggestions for additional content. A new logo was agreed, with a request for a slight modification to the design.

10. Play Parks and Rest Garden

It was reported that a meeting will be scheduled for the New Year to discuss the play parks and rest garden projects with the proposed contractor. It was suggested that grants are explored to cover costs of the school playground project.

11. Youth Club update

It was reported that there had been little interest in setting up a youth club in the village and was suggested that interest is sought again in the run up to the summer.

12. Financial update

Suggestions to reduce the costs of the AGM and mailings of newsletters and the winter fuel allowance application form were explored. Sending AGM papers by email and making the newsletter and winter fuel application forms available at the Post Office were discussed.

13. Any other business

Footpath – Four gates are needed for safety reasons in front of the Glebe. Funding to install the gates will be taken from money left over from previous work.

Grant applications – Applications for an education grant and two applications for driving tests were approved.

Articles of Association – Bill Harkness is to make amendments to the Articles of Association, as agreed at the AGM.

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 16th January 2023 at 7.00 pm.