

KIRKOWAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

**Board Meeting held on Monday 13th February at 7pm at the Autumn Club,
Kirkcowan**

MINUTES

1. In attendance

Charlie McNeill (Chair), Bill Harkness, Hazel Johnston, Hazel McWhirter, Martin Marsh and Andrew Gladstone.

2. Other

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

3. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from Lynne Dalglish. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

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

5. Matters Arising

It was agreed that the second bidder for the position of Project Manager for the three projects is informed that the contract has been awarded to 3b Construction.

6. Village Hall

It was reported that some progress has been made concerning building repairs for the Village Hall, to be carried out by Dumfries and Galloway Council.

7. Jenna Morra Wood

It was reported that a team of between four and six volunteers are regularly meeting on Saturdays to help with work in the wood. The current emphasis is on cutting back rhododendrons. The felling license for the wood has now been registered with the appropriate authority. Tree protectors that are no longer in use will be removed from the site.

8. Website

It was reported that new material is currently being added to the website. Ideas for web stories were discussed, including village events and an appeal for input from residents and groups who have received funding from KCDT. It was also agreed that, via the website, residents will be asked to submit their email addresses if they are happy to receive newsletters and other KCDT printed materials by email.

9. Post Office and village shop funding

It was reported that a review of KCDT funding for the Post Office and village shop will be conducted, in line with conditions set out when the funding began.

10. Play Parks and Rest Garden

It was reported that 3b Contractors are putting together a full specification and revised costings for the play parks and rest garden projects. It was suggested that the projects are run consecutively, beginning with the main play park, followed by the school play park and rest garden.

It was agreed that a public meeting should take place once the full spec and costings have been completed.

11. Funding for school playground

This is to be revisited once costings for the project have been received.

12. Lead Board Directors for play parks and rest garden projects

It was agreed that Carol would be the main point of contact, with Board Directors consulted if necessary.

13. Kirkcowan Community Council update

There was no update.

14. Finance Report

The latest finance report was accepted.

15. Review of levels for educational and driving grants

The current guidelines for educational and driving grants were discussed. Directors agreed to review the guidelines and bring proposals to restructure the grants to the next meeting.

16. Any other Business

There was no other business.

17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 13th March 2023 at 7.00 pm at the Autumn Club.