

KIRKOWAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

**Board Meeting held on Tuesday 16th January at 7pm at the Autumn Club,
Kirkcowan**

MINUTES

1. In attendance

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

2. Other

Nicki Chadwick (KCDT Support Officer)

3. Welcome and apologies

Apologies received from Carol Lochrie (Machars Action). The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

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

5. Matters Arising

It was suggested that, if the Winter Fuel Allowance is offered in 2023, application forms are made available from 1st October with a closing date for applications of 30th October. It was agreed to include a paragraph on the application form saying that payments will be made by the end of December. To reduce postage costs, it was suggested that application forms are hand delivered within the village and posted to outlying residences.

It was reported that amendments to the Articles of Association, as agreed at the AGM, have been completed.

6. Village Hall

The implications of transferring the ownership of the Village Hall from Dumfries and Galloway (D&G) Council to the Village Hall Committee were discussed. It was reported that the Village Hall Committee has produced a list of building repairs that are considered important and has asked D&G Council when these repairs can be completed.

7. Jenna Morra Wood

It was reported that volunteers have helped with work in the wood on two occasions since the last meeting. Andrew agreed to appeal for more volunteers, hoping to attract a wide age range of supporters. A felling license has been submitted. Felling will not take place until next winter.

8. Website

It was reported that the website will soon be ready to go live. Posters will be placed in the Post Office and on the village noticeboard to inform people when the website is live.

9. Play Parks and Rest Garden

The Chairman reported that a meeting had taken place with 3b Contractors to discuss the play parks and rest garden projects. 3b agreed to fine tune the current plans and revise the costings for the projects.

It was agreed that a public meeting takes place when the full spec and costings have been completed by 3b.

In addition, it was discussed that all three projects need to be easily maintained.

10. Kirkcowan Community Council update

There was no update.

11. Finance Report

It was reported that no new grant applications have been received. It was agreed that the driving grant covers private applications to help fund training for an HGV licence if such training is not covered by the employer. It was also discussed if the level for educational grants should be reviewed and agreed that this should be fully discussed at the next meeting.

12. Any other Business

It was reported that the Craiglawn Arms in Kirkcowan is to close.

13. Date of next meeting

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