

KIRKOWAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

**Board Meeting held on Monday 13th March 2023 at 7pm at the Autumn Club,
Kirkcowan**

MINUTES

1. In attendance

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

2. Other

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

3. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from Colin Richardson. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

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

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Village Hall

It was reported that documentation has been received regarding leasing the building for another year. The next Village Hall Committee meeting will be devoted to exploring the asset transfer of the building.

7. Jenna Morra Wood

It was reported that volunteers are continuing to cut back rhododendrons to stop the plant spreading. The felling licence has now been approved. Marking of trees to be felled will be carried out at the end of the summer. It is estimated that the felling project will take five years to complete, with a fifth of the work being carried out each year. Cleaning up the entrance to Johnson's Bridge was discussed. Quotes to clear the entrance are being sought.

8. Website

It was reported that the new website is being finalised, ready to be promoted to residents of Kirkcowan once material has been reviewed by KCDT Board members. Any potential new material is to be submitted as soon as possible.

9. Post Office and village shop funding

It was reported that a review of KCDT funding for the Post Office and village shop has been undertaken, in line with conditions set out when the funding began. The Post Office and village shop continue to be a valuable asset to the community. It was suggested that residents' feedback on continued funding is sought by the end of the year.

10. Play Parks and Rest Garden

There was no update.

11. United Trust Bank Mandate

Relevant documentation is to be sent to Carol Lochrie as soon as possible.

12. Kirkcowan Community Council update

Queries by KCC concerning proposed equipment for the play park have been clarified.

13. Finance Report

In future, residents will be asked to follow up with elderly and vulnerable neighbours to ensure that they have applied for and received the winter fuel allowance. Also, in order to reduce administration time, anyone applying for the allowance will be asked not to query payments until after the 'paid by' date.

14. Kirkcowan Parent Council Grant Application

The grant application was discussed. Carol to send relevant paperwork to the KCDT Board members.

15. Review of levels for educational and driving grants

Several proposals to update the educational and driving grants were suggested. The proposals will be collated and sent to KCDT Board members for approval.

16. Any other Business

It was reported that the Village Hall is hosting an open evening for all clubs/groups. It was agreed that some KCDT Board members will attend the evening.

17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 11th April at 7.00 pm at the Autumn Club.