

CCDT oct 2019 Callander Community Development Trust

Minutes of meeting of CCDT Board held on 25 October 2019

**Present:** L.Cameron H.Gunkel M.Griffiths M.Heen S.Holden M. Holloway  
L.Isgrove A.Mitchell B.McKay F.Park M.Warnock

S.Winstone A.Docherty

**Apologies:** D.Moore M.Moore P.Prescott

**Minutes of Sept meeting:** Were approved. prop M.Griffiths; sec A.Mitchell

**Minute of EGM Sept:** Approved. prop S.Holden; sec L.Isgrove

**Matters arising/ Updates:**

**Visitor Information Centre:** The lease has still to be settled with NP. Latest stats show that since May re-opening, 20,000+ people have visited the Centre, which was staffed by volunteers and Loch K staff. Since mid October a core of regular volunteers have been on their own, with phone back up from Loch K if needed. Opening times will be adjusted after next board meeting. There is a need for a person(?) to be manager and for more retail goods to be in place for the next main open season.

**Asset Transfer Group: Woodlands:** The submission to FLS for asset transfer has now been accepted, following the revision of sections of CCDT's Memo & Articles. The next task is to get a valuation of the woodland prepared, and write the funding application to Scottish Land Fund.

**Asset Transfer Group: Carparks etc:** Information about land ownership is coming from SC in parts, some of which shows confusion (historically). An invitation has been issued to consultants to study the complete proposal for AT and recommend which sites are most feasible to pursue. A question about the car parks being included in funding applications has to be resolved. DTAS will continue to provide support in these negotiations.

**Callander Landscape Partnership:** As well as the Falls of Leny bridge, paths, and parking, other projects within CLP include: The Gaelic Language project which involves Creative in Callander, the schools, youth project, and volunteers leading walks to places which have Gaelic names (two walks during

Winterfest); an interpretation group preparing display panels giving information about local sites of importance; archaeological digs which involve members of the public, and particularly young people; the Dark Skies project which has drawn much local interest. All CLP projects are detailed on the CLP website and in separate reports in BLV.

**Summerfest :** Summerfest 2019 had a shortfall of £1000+ but was able to use funds carried over from S/fst 2018. Plans now underway for S/fest 2020, moving it to last weeks of July.

**Winterfest:** The programme is in place, generic posters will be displayed throughout the town and individual events will have their own publicity, bearing the Winterfest logo. The problems with festive lighting have not yet been resolved as these are caused by the main problem of defective street lighting...which SC and BEAR have not acted upon. It may be that there will be no festive lights apart from in Ancaster Square. If so, this has to be explained to the public in press releases and on social media.

**CCDT Membership:** The new system of membership and communication is now in place. A regular e-newsletter will be issued, with hard copy where necessary.

**CCDT/CCC combined meetings:** These have been found to be valuable for exchange of ideas and updates on activities. The next one is on 18 November.

**In Callander website:** It was agreed that the 3 strands ( CE, CCC, CCDT) need to be aware of the 'readership' of the site, and that it needs a person to manage the content; Interesting Digital handle the technical matters. Costs also must be clarified.

**Town Coordinator:** S. Winstone informed the board that she wishes to relinquish the post at end of December though will be available by arrangement to support ongoing projects, and help any successor in the post.

This post requires funding to continue, a task which the new Finance group has taken on.

**Reports:** Already circulated...McLaren Leisure, Callander Enterprise, Greener Callander.

**AOB:** A proposed joint meeting of Development Trusts in the area on a date tba in December was approved.

**Date of next meeting: Friday 29 November at 10am in Burgh Chambers.**