

CCDT jan2020 Callander Community Development Trust

Minutes of meeting of CCDT Board held on 31 January 2020

Present: H.Gunkel M.Griffiths M.Heen S.Holden M.Holloway
L.Isgrove A.Mitchell M Moore F.Park P.Prescott M.Warnock;
A.Docherty

Apologies: B.McKay D.Moore

1.Welcome: Helen Terry, the new postholder of the post of Town Coordinator, was introduced to the Board.

2.Minutes of November 2019 meeting: The ATG Coilhallan Woods item required correction. The minutes were then approved. prop: S.Holden; sec A.Mitchell

3.Matters arising/updates:

3.1 Visitor Information Centre: The lease for the premises has now been signed, and plans are now being made for 2020 opening. The season will be 3 April to 4 October ie weekends only April and May; every day (IF PRACTICABLE) June -September, closing after Jazz and Blues Festival. Each day will have 2 volunteer shifts 10am-1pm and 1pm-4pm. A post of manager will be introduced, to cover all aspects of visitor service, rotas, retail, volunteer training and premises care. Noted that Steamship Company would not be able to provide staff this year.

Callander Enterprise offer of a Callander calendar for sale in VIC was approved.

3.2 ATG/ Woodland: FLS have yet to approve the stage 1 application from ATG/W who have responded to requests for additional details. It is hoped the stage 1 application will be decided by end of April.

3.3 ATG/ St Kessog's/ Car parks: The stage 1 application has been approved and a consultancy team (SKS) appointed. They are contacting many relevant local groups re use of St K building, and meeting Stirling Council re their commitment to essential repair work and to future plans for use of St K. CCDT will also continue to

investigate land ownership and finances re potential asset transfer of car parks.

3.4 Callander Landscape Partnership:

3.4 a The path from town to Bracklinn Falls is almost complete; there will be an official opening, probably in May. The existing paths map might have an overlay to show details of the path, as signage not yet in place

3.4 b Dark Skies: Much interest has been shown in this project, judging by attendance at events so far, with another planned for 14-15 March. As NP may develop a dark skies project, Callander's experience would be beneficial.

3.4 c Falls of Leny...car parks/ road crossing: Negotiations between NP and Transport Scotland still ongoing. Work on the bridge should start by summer 2021. It will be owned by NP for first 5 years after which it will transfer to CCDT.

4 Callander Partnership: Noted that this group is now chaired by C.Corden, Chair of Callander Community Council

5.Joint meetings CCDT/ CCC These meetings are regarded as useful for exchange of ideas and continuity of activities.

6 Draft Environmental Policy: This was welcomed as an essential policy for all projects undertaken. With a few amendments, it will be tabled for approval at the February Board.

7. Finance: A new account for VIC (Callander Community Centre Ltd) is being opened with Bank of Scotland; an approach to Mr G Matheson, an accountant, has been made for services as our external accounts examiner...to be confirmed in February. As Hilary Gunkel intends to resign from CCDT Board because of many other commitments, Susan Holden has agreed to take on office of Treasurer in the interim and third accounts signatory. This was approved by the Board.

8. Reports: received from Greener Callander, Callander Enterprise, Heritage Society, Hydro Co, McLaren Leisure.

9. Town Coordinator: In addition to the report circulated, H.Terry gave updated information about wifi for the town. Stirling Council are drawing up plans which will be put into action very soon, with a 3-year provision which can be continued, or discarded, according to its usage and usefulness.

10. Any other business:

10.1 Summerfest 2020: Planning underway...more details at Feb. Board

10.2 A representative from CCDT is required on the board of the **Community Partnership**, as S. Winstone will be stepping down. A. Mitchell offered to put his name forward to the CP.

10.3 Festive Lights: A working group (D.Shearer, L.Isgrove, M.Warnock, M.Heen) has been set up to look at options for Callander's festive lights from 2020 onwards.

Date of next meeting: Friday 28 February at 10am