

CCDT feb2021 Callander Community Development Trust

Minutes of meeting of CCDT Board by video on Friday 26 February 2021

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A.Mitchell

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Apologies: M.Holloway

Minutes of January 2021 meeting: Approved. prop: D.Moore ; sec:
P.Horne

Updates: from T.Kliskey and Town Coordinator

No 55 Main Street: Purchase of the building completed on 12 February 2021. The online bank account is operational, and a tight budget schedule for refurbishment will be adhered to. Insurance is in place. WD Harley are already dealing with any planning permissions required and are approaching potential contractors to carry out refurbishment which will be kept to a tight timescale.

As the ground floor will be where the Visitor Information Centre will be situated, the VIC Manager will be included in all discussions about the work on that area.

Visitor Information Centre: Companies House have agreed to the change of name from Callander Community Centre Ltd to VIC(Callander) Ltd

Preparations are being made for opening of VIC as soon as government restrictions allow, and depending on refurbishment progress. Regular Board meetings of VIC are monitoring this and will soon be recruiting volunteers, previous and new, to provide the VIC service.

Local Place Plan: The steering group has representatives from both schools, Medical Centre, Leisure Centre, CYP, Callander Enterprise, Community Council, Development Trust (P.Prescott)

Development of LPP will be in stages, the first being focus groups drawn from members of the community representative of eg age,

socioeconomic, health, residency in Callander. This stage will be funded by CCC. It will commence in April, running over 5 months. A special LPP website will record updates on progress and information about further aspects to be investigated.

Internet of Things: Discussions with Stirling Council who plan to install a monitoring device (mast) in Callander at Leisure Centre suggest that it will be used only to monitor use of car parks. CCDT Board have already added considerably to the uses it could have. Agreed this matter should be on the agenda of the next meeting of Callander Partnership, with emphasis on SC attendance at that meeting.

Forth Valley College outreach: There has so far been a poor response to the initial on line survey to determine the interest in an outreach project. It was agreed to add the survey to social media of the schools.

Matters arising from January minutes:

Bracklinn Bridge: Some temporary work has been done on the footpath on the bridge by NP but the Board agreed that pressure must be put on NP to fulfil their maintenance obligations.

CCDT Structure Chart: The updated version will also clearly show that a CCDT subsidiary has a Board of Directors, and a project has a Management Team.

CCDT membership : A letter from CCDT Chair will be sent to those whose names are on the 'old' list, to check contact details and their wish to continue in membership.

Recruitment of new members will be done by directors and management teams, and following the LPP focus groups' participation.

CCDT Support group: It was noted that since January, the main request for help is by referrals from CAB Outreach staff. This led to noting that the CAB service is funded purely by grants from the Hydro Awards scheme, and no finance comes from Stirling Council. It was agreed that CCDT would write to SC about this omission from their financing the CAB . This matter should also be on the agenda for Callander Partnership's meeting.

Finance: Bank accounts: General £32,152.81; Festivals £133.00;
Hydro Awards £24,436.00

Hydro Awards: The February meeting of the HA committee agreed an award of £5000.00 for the VIC. Approved by CCDT Board (see below)

The HA committee asked the CCDT Board to consider whether the current system of the committee receiving applications from CCDT projects was unnecessary, or could a general award to CCDT suffice. It was agreed that in the interests of transparency, applications should continue to be submitted for project funding, assessed by the HA committee, and their decision be then approved by CCDT Board. This process will apply to all applications to HA.

Reports received: Callander Enterprise, McLaren Leisure, Town Coordinator.

COP: Callander involvement in the forthcoming COP 26 (Glasgow, November) may be by offering accommodation and visits in this area to delegates. In addition, DTAS plan to have a stand in the exhibition section of the conference. They will then offer 2-day stints to DTAS member organisations. CCDT Board approved an application for Callander to have a stint on the stand which DTAS are applying for.

Summerfest: The team members who have run Summerfest for its 6 years have all agreed that it now needs refreshing of purpose, programme, and particularly volunteers. If government restrictions allow, it was agreed that even a few activities might be arranged under a Summerfest badge if an opportunity should arise in 2021, but planning for future years must not assume that the work load of the past 6 Summerfests can be maintained.

New ideas, new volunteers are required.

Landscape Partnership: the end date of the project has been extended by 18 months because of the restrictions imposed by covid19.

Hubs: 4 'hubs' are to be set up (one each in car parks, N.and S.Church St) giving directions for following the core paths. This project will involve VIC and will also require information boards and maps in the 4 hub areas.

Any other business: A joint CCDT/CCC meeting will be arranged soon.

Minutes approved by CCDT Board at meeting on 26 March 2021