

CCDT June 2021 Callander Community Development Trust

Minutes of meeting of CCDT Board by video on Friday 25 June 2021

Participants: M.Griffiths S.Holden P.Horne L.Isgrove A. Mitchell D.Moore
M.Moore F.Park P.Prescott T.Thompson H.Terry A.Docherty

Apologies: T.Kliskey C.McGowan

Guest: The meeting welcomed Mark Nicols who described the plans to reinstate the track at Camp Place for BMX Bikes where the site has been cleared, a local contractor has offered his services to install the track and afterwards, volunteers will be undertaking maintenance of grass verges. Eventually the project will be affiliated to Cycling Scotland, but for the first year Mark asked that CCDT consider taking on the project so that insurance of volunteers would be covered. The Board agreed (9 in favour with 1 abstention) to support the project. CCDT will consult insurers about any additional costs. The Board also recommended that the site when up and running displays clear notices for the safety of users.

Minutes of May meeting: These were approved. prop:D.Moore; sec: P.Horne

Matters Arising/ Updates:

1. 55 Main St: The ground floor has now been prepared for use by the Visitor Information Centre, with covid- appropriate counter shields and floor markings. Development of a basic small kitchen/staff area is delayed because a professional plumber is required and currently it is very difficult to source any tradespeople. The upstairs floor has had redundant office partitions and floor covering s removed (again by volunteers) and still awaits a response from Building Control to the application from CCDT. Rates have still to be settled with Stirling Council and a lease prepared for VIC from CCDT.

2 Visitor Information Centre: Opened Saturday 11 June, weekends only to start off, with 349 Visitors to date, mostly requesting information about local walks, getting maps, and with questions about where toilets are. A rotation of 10 volunteers have provided staff coverage, but more will be very welcome so that opening days can be extended. A cleaner has been appointed, and the

management post will be taken on for this season only by S. Winstone, who has extensive knowledge of the area, has produced several of the printed publications available, and was a member of the VIC team in 2019.

A successful application to Nature Scotland's Better Places Green Recovery Grant will provide a digital information screen for VIC which will display, for example, information about responsible tourism.

3 Bracklinn Bridge: Detailed inspection has shown that damage to the bridge structure is beyond repair and a new bridge will have to be built of a different design, using different materials. National Park have accepted responsibility for the bridge and will implement the required action.

4. Local Place Plan (incl Town Coordinator's report): An emerging theme from research undertaken so far is that Callander has an increasing number of self-catering properties, which has an effect on the infrastructure and availability of services for residents. This will be examined in the focus groups, first of which will be held end of June. It was noted that both SC and NP need to include the LPP Callander report/s in their respective Plans. Again it was emphasised that producing the LPP has to occupy most of the Town Coordinator's limited time.

The Board unanimously approved an application to SC for funding for a part of the LPP schedule... mailing to all Callander residents so that no one is excluded because of having no internet access.

5. Green Recovery Plan: Recently announced by National Park, following a report they commissioned (Bryden Report), this plan offers CCDT the opportunity to re-consider how to take over management and maintenance of car parks, developing from car park plans under the Callander Landscape project. The Board agreed that an application for a feasibility study should be submitted.

6 COP 26: DTAS applied, unsuccessfully, to have an exhibition stand at the COP26 conference in November, but has now selected some of the DTAS member Trusts to be involved in a film. CCDT has been invited to show what Callander has done to help climate change. The Board approved this project. The CCDT members involved also plan a COP26 Fringe Event for Callander, 18-26 September. This also was approved CCDT Board.

7. Finance: General a/c: 34,851.44 ; Hydro Awards: 31.580.00 ; Festivals: 1,221-33

It was agreed that a possible private donation for the play park refurbishment could be held in CCDT general account until required, with CCDT having no responsibility for the project itself.

8. As a result of OSCR recently issuing updated guidelines for charities, it was agreed that CCDT should update Memo/ Articles to comply with these guidelines, and inform OSCR of the revised M/A, before accepting any further applications for membership.

9. Reports: Landscape Partnership: Progress on several projects has slowed because of resignation of project manager who has yet to be replaced. Noted that the post will be based in Callander and is now open for applicants, especially those with good local knowledge.

10 Any other business: None

A further meeting of CCDT Board was held by video on Friday 2 July at 10am.

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The business of the meeting was to review the first draft of the revised Memo/ Articles and incorporate amendments submitted by all Board members

The review

Added a clause about holding electronic meetings

Tidied up cross references between numbered Articles

Clarified conditions of membership for Individuals and for Associates

Clarified rotation of Member Directors

Clarified that a proxy voter must be a CCDT member

These amendments were unanimously approved by the meeting. They would be incorporated in a final version to be emailed to Board for their acceptance.

EGM: 19th July 2021 at 10am by video: This would be announced in the newsletter being sent to CCDT members on 2 July. The Resolution at the EGM will be that the meeting approve the revised Memo/Articles as recommended by the Board.

These minutes approved by Board on Friday 30 July 2021