CCDT July 2021 Callander Community Development Trust

Minutes of meeting of CCDT Board by video on Friday 30 July 2021

Participants: M.Griffiths S.Holden P.Horne A.Mitchell C.McGowan F.Park

P.Prescott H.Terry A.Docherty

**Apologies:** T.Kliskey D.Moore M.Moore T.Thompson

1.Minutes of the June Board meeting were approved

prop:A.Mitchell; sec: P.Horne

**2 Minutes of the EGM July 19**<sup>th</sup> Correction to list of participants... A. Mitchell to be added. Minutes approved. prop: A.Mitchell; sec: P.Prescott

## 3 Matters arising:

- **3.1 Green Recovery Fund:** It had been decided not to apply to this fund as deadline was too soon for comparative quotations to be sought for the work planned.
- **3.2 Membership of CCDT:** The list of outstanding applications for membership was considered and it was agreed to accept all. .. to be informed.

A new membership form will be designed which incorporates any relevant changes required by the revised Memo& Articles (2021). The option to receive any newsletter but not become a CCDT member will be removed, as the CCDT website will carry updates on activities and can be consulted by non CCDT members (members of the public).

Updating the Membership list and sending communications to CCDT members will now be undertaken by A. Mitchell.

- **3.3 Definitive statements:** As a result of much misinformation and adverse comments on social media recently, CCDT will issue definitive statements on the CCDT's ownership of premises at 55 Main St, the Visitor Information Centre, and the Falls of Leny project (Landscape Partnership).
- **4 Update: 55 Main St:** T.Kliskey's report was noted, particularly that a response is still awaited from Building Control for the proposals for the upper floor, and scarcity of trades people to complete the refurbishment of a small

kitchen in VIC premises. A detailed breakdown of all work and furnishing of the upper floor should be available for CCDT's August meeting.

UK Govt Community Ownership Fund an application to be considered for 55 Main St premises development.

- **5. Update: Visitor Information Centre:** Opening days are now increased from weekends only, to at least 5 days per week. Visitors to date total 1641. The team of volunteers has increased, though more are welcome. S. Winstone in post of Manager has increased the stock held and provides daily sales and visitor stats. A digital display screen has been installed with a running series of Visitor Responsibility slides showing 9am-9pm daily. This screen has been purchased through a Nature Scotland award for the purpose of displaying these Visitor Responsibilty notices. At end of the season, VIC may use the display for relevant local information.
- **6. Town Coodinator's report:** progress on preparing the Local Place Plan has shown an anomaly in the system as set by Scottish Govt. The LPP which will be submitted to LLTTNP has to have local authority substructure support. This refers to Stirling Council support which is not automatically offered by Stirling Council in SC plans. As this situation will apply to all LPPs within the NP area, the matter has now been raised at Scottish Govt level.

A practical issue has emerged from the LPP work and is being worked through concerns footpath access to the Nursery which is situated within McLaren High School premises.

**7. Landscape Partnership:** Progress has been made on getting an arrangement with Transport Scotland for the required road crossing at Leny.

Progress also made on signing a lease from Moray Estate and Drumardoch Estate for CCDT to be the tenant of the lands covering the Victorian walkway, bridge, Leny woods car park and roadside area.

Instead of LLTTNP managing the project, CCDT will take on management and appoint a professional project manager.

The Board approved that CCDT takes over management of the Falls of Leny project (5 in favour; 2 abstentions).

*UK Govt Community Ownership Fund:* An application should be made to this fund for aspects of the Falls of Leny project, such as Victorian walkway, or a network of paths, or car park at Leny Woods (all separately).

## 8 Finance:

**8.1** Bank statements: General A/C 36,618.56

Hydro Awards 22,044.00

Festivals 1047.32

VIC 7336.28

**8.2** COP events in Callander: It was agreed that the Festivals account should be used for local events expenditure, as Summerfest had not been held this year. The draft programme of local events was commended.

- **8.3** The Board unanimously approved an application to be made to SC Community Fund to support to cover costs of a webpage and booking of premises costs for Callander Climate fringe events (not now needed as Festivals fund available... see 8.2 above)
- **9. Arrangements for AGM**: This will be held on Friday 27 August at 9.30 am by zoom if necessary or in St Andrew's Hall, if covid restrictions allow. The AGM will be followed at 10 am by the monthly Board meeting

**10.** Any other business: None.

These minutes approved by the Board and signed by F.Park, Chairman on 27 August 2021