## Minutes of meeting of CCDT Board on Friday 29 October 2021 in the VIC.

Present: M.GriffithsS.HoldenP.HorneT.KliskeyA.MitchellP.PrescottF.ParkT.ThompsonH.TerryA.Docherty

Apologies: C.McGowan D.Moore M.Moore

Minutes of September meeting approved. Prop: P.Prescott; sec: A.Mitchell

## Updates:

**No 55 / VIC**: An award of £124,943 has been received from the UK Govt Community Ownership Fund for the purchase and refurbishment of the building at 55 Main Street as a community asset, to provide premises for the Visitor Information Centre and to develop the upper floor for residential letting.

VIC: The Centre has now closed for the season, and a full report of this first season's work will be given at the November meeting. A small reception was held to thank volunteers for their time and expertise given since the opening in June, and to hear their comments and suggestions for next season.

A request had come from Pretty Little Flowers to use VIC premises as a workshop while VIC closed. After discussion it was decided that there should be no proposed charge of £10 per hour but they should be asked to make a donation to VIC.

No 55 Upper floor: Tasks awaiting action are decisions on cavity wall insulation and double glazing for which quotations are being sought. A report is due from Zero Waste Scotland re options for heating, and as yet no response has come from SC re rates relief. Volunteer work is going ahead on clearing the upper floor to be ready for the above alterations.

**Callander's Countryside:** A request had come from Lesley Hawkins that a group interested in working with Forestry Landscape Scotland within Coilhallan Wood might become a group in CCDT by joining the Callander's Countryside group.

But Callander's Countryside does not function as a working group, so It was agreed that though the membership of the (new) group needed to be

clarified, CCDT would support them. They might use the name Callander Woodland Group, and provide monthly reports to CCDT on their work and what support would be needed.

A request was included in the approach by LH for CCDT to pay the cost of hiring CYP function room for a meeting. This was agreed by email following the Board meeting.

**Callander Landscape Partnership:** With appointment of a project manager the plans have been reviewed, and progress made concerning the road crossing which requires consultation with Transport Scotland. Moray Estates have donated a small piece of land (previously retained by them) to CCDT which will considerably ease construction at one end of the proposed Leny Falls bridge.

**Local Place Plan: see attached report from Town Coordinator.** Noted that more LPP publicity is needed through leaflets, posters etc as well as direct contact with local groups.

Joint Meeting CCC/CCDT: It was agreed that presentation of the LPP to the joint meeting had been very useful, as was a presentation on potential developments affecting Claish Farm/Mollands area/ footbridge/ Leisure Centre/ school.

As McLaren Leisure parking is limited, and causes problems for any major event taking place there, the next Joint Meeting should emphasise this to SC on behalf of the Leisure Centre.

Finance: Banking: General a/c: 33,409.79; Hydro Awards: 13,316.00

Festival a/c: 534.00; VIC: 7,139.00

It was decided that CCDT would not join the Stirling Community Lottery meantime, but wait until other local groups had had their turn.

A request for financial support submitted on behalf of several volunteers who are planning Callander's Christmas was discussed. As they are not a formal group and have no bank account it was decided that if they provided itemised details of funding required, this would be considered. It was recommended that they link with Callander Enterprise. **Reports:** Local Place Plan (TC), Climate Festival, McLaren Leisure, School/Parent Council, St Kessog's.

**Membership:** An e-newsletter will be sent to all CCDT members after each Board meeting, to update members on CCDT current priorities.

Any other business: None.

These minutes accepted by the CCDT Board and signed by Chair, Frank Park on Friday 26 November 2021