

Minutes of meeting of CCDT Board on 25 April 2023 in VIC

**Present: G.Fischbacher M.Heen D Moore M.Moore F.Park P.Prescott
G.Kerr**

S.Bell

**Apologies: M.Griffiths S Holden T Thompson B.McKay T.Kliskey S MacKay
C Fingland**

1. Minutes of the March meeting Meeting were approved

Prop: M Moore ; sec: G Fischbacher

2. Matters arising/ updates

2.1 Pitlochry Development Trust It was reported that PDT had been in touch to confirm they are applying to take ownership of the car parks in Pitlochry. It was agreed that if they have the same level of difficulty as CCDT then a joint approach to government would be made regarding the problems associated with transfer of assets into community ownership.

2.2 Callander River Teith Fishing Rights It was reported that Stirling Council are looking to either sell the fishing rights or lease them. A discussion took place regarding whether CCDT should consider taking this on. Historically it would appear that the rights were gifted to the people of Callander and were therefore owned by the Town Council. When CTC ceased to exist the rights, along with other assets were transferred to SC as no statutory body remained to represent Callander. It was agreed the possibility of CCDT taking ownership should be investigated further, however it would need both someone who really understands the fishing rights situation and a political backer if SC is to be approached for the transfer of this and other community assets previously owned by CDT to come into the hands of CCDT. Previous work done by A Mitchell and H Terry would be useful to access regarding Common Good Land and should be acquired if possible. A meeting with CCDT, CCC and Stirling Constituency MSP should be arranged.

2.3 Finance Update

- 2.3.1 Annual Accounts, Audit & Accountant** It was reported that Dickson Middleton Accountants in Stirling have quoted £5750+VAT to produce audited annual consolidated accounts for 2022-23. It was agreed to appoint them as CCDT's auditors.
- 2.3.2 Budget (Circulated)**The draft budget was briefly discussed and agreed in principle as a guide to the years expenditure.
- 2.3.3 Financial Statement/Policy (Circulated prior to meeting)** It was agreed that this could be tabled until the next meeting to allow board members more time to look at it.

2.4 Active Travel Project It was reported that some research had been done following the approach to the Parent Council by the Active Travel Officer who was reviewing the 2020 Active Travel Plan. An Active Travel Plan was produced by LLT Countryside Trust in 2020 and has a lot of overlap with the LPP. No further action is necessary as the plan can be implemented as part of the LPP implementation.

2.5 Draft Code Of Conduct (Circulated) It was agreed that any comments should be forwarded to D Moore prior to the next board meeting with a view of potential approval at that meeting.

2.6 Development Officer/Imagine If Update A video report was shown from C Fingland/Imagine If. A full communication strategy will be presented at the next board meeting. A proposal on way forward to be agreed by June. Confirmation was received at the end of the meeting that the funding application to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for the Development Officer Post has been unsuccessful. A special board meeting to be arranged asap to discuss the impact and options.

2.7 Board/Sub Committee Membership/Membership Secretary S Bell agreed to take on the role of Membership Secretary. The latest members list and access to the membership@ email is to be obtained and refreshed accordingly.

A list of all sub committees and current members is to be prepared and shared with the board. It was also noted that a shared drive should be set up so all Board Members can access relevant information in future. It was noted that all Board Members will continue to consider who could be approached/invited to join as Trustees.

3. Reports

3.1 VIC (Circulated) It was noted that the report showing numbers of visitors and sales were up on the previous year was very encouraging.

3.2 Greener Callander/Woodland Group (Circulated)

3.3 Callander Enterprise (Circulated) It was reported that M Moore has been invited to attend a meeting of high street business owners on 26th April.

4. Any other business

4.1 Landscape Partnership It was noted that this has now officially ceased, although there is one further meeting to tie up loose ends. CCDT will receive assets (Signposts, Callander Landscape Website) along with funds to maintain them. Remaining projects are CCDT's Falls of Leny and Callander Heritage's Oral History Project and Digitalisation of Archives.

4.2 Short Term Lease License A discussion took place regarding the difficulties businesses are experiencing with the complexity of SC's license application process. It was agreed that S Bell will assist in the completion of the application due to T Kliskey's current time constraints.

4.3 Parent Council It was reported that the Spring Fling Craft Fair was very successful and raised £1400. It was also noted that the consultation has started on the new Primary School building project, to be located behind the High School. It was noted that the initial site proposal is actually on leisure centre owned land which will be raised with the council.

Agreed by Board and Signed by F Park (Chair) on 30th May 2023