Minutes of meeting of CCDT Board on 31 October 2023 in VIC

Present: T.Kliskey P.Prescott F.Park G.Kerr M.Griffiths T.Thompson B.McKay A.Boa S.Bell C.Fingland R.Taylor

Apologies: G.Fischbacher S.MacKay D.Moore M.Moore M.Holloway

- **1. Annual Accounts & Trustees Report** R Taylor from Dickson Middleton Accountants gave a report on the Audit undertaken by themselves and the draft accounts and trustee report that have been prepared. They were formally agreed unanimously by the board subject to a few minor administrative changes to the text of the Trustee Report. To be signed by F Park (Chairman) & T.Kliskey (Treasurer)
- 2. Minutes of the September Board Meeting were approved

August Board Meeting - Prop: P.Prescott; sec: M.Griffiths

- 3. Matters arising/updates
- **3.1 Election of Office Bearers** Following the AGM all current Directors will continue to serve apart from G.Fischbacher who is standing down due to ill health. The board unanimously voted for the following office bearers.

F.Park - Chairman

T.Kliskey – Treasurer

G.Kerr - Vice Chair

S.Bell – Secretary

- **3.2 Finance Update** It was reported that further funds have been received from CCHL with the current CCDT General Fund standing at £560k.
- **3.3 55 Main Street Flat Income & Expenditure** It was noted that flat bookings are proceeding well for the remainder of 2023 and into 2024. Despite the delays it is in profit by £3950 so far this year.
- **3.4 CCHL Share Purchase** It was noted that CCHL have made an offer to CCDT to purchase further shares in the company by the end of November. A discussion took place regarding the offer and it was noted that both CCHL and CCDT have sought and received professional advice regarding the potential transaction. The proposal to purchase 2 further shares at a value of £550,000 was agreed.

3.5 Development Officer Update (Detailed Report Circulated)

It was reported that the assignation of the lease for 43 Main Street is in it's final stages. Once complete volunteers would be appreciated to assist in the painting of the window and door. Board members were asked to send an outline of possible availability to Imagine If so that they can start constructing a rota around manning the Callander Connect space.

It was noted that the Meet and Make event held on the 28th October was a success with 11 local organisations represented. Positive feedback has been received and an article will be prepared for the Ben Ledi View.

There was definite interest in the potential Hydro Visit and it was suggested that this could be arranged to coincide with the next Climate Action Group Event on the 3rd December.

3.6 Callander Landscape Website The Contribution of £1500 from the NP has been received and CCDT have now licensed ArcGIS Desktop Advanced (Which includes Storymap) from ESRI. The NP are completing their data audit to ensure all data held in the site has appropriate licenses in place. On completion of this the login details will be supplied and CCDT will take over management of the site.

4. Reports

- **4.1 VIC Report (Circulated)** It was reported that the VIC's last day this year was on Sunday 22 October with a total of 19.001 visitors over the season. A grand total of 1,378 volunteer hours was contributed this year. A Management Group meeting is planned for 14 November and a gathering for volunteers on 21 November will be held in the VIC from 2.30 for tea and cakes to which Board Members are welcome.
- **4.2 Greener Callander/CWG Report (Circulated)** Refurbishment work on the Community Garden has been completed, with positive comments received.
- **4.3 McLaren Leisure Centre** It was noted that the recent film club event was very well attended with positive feedback on the venue. It was reported that MLC's AGM is to be held on 29th November.

5. Any other business

5.1 School Traffic Banners It was reported that no obvious permissions are required for the banners. The board therefore agreed to fund the purchase.

Agreed by Board and Signed by F Park (Chair) on 28th November 2023.