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**Minutes of meeting of CCDT Board on 30 April 2024 in Callander Connect**

**Present:** F.Park (Chair), G.Kerr (Vice Chair), M.Griffiths, A.Boa, D.Moore, M.Moore, P.Prescott, B.McKay, L.George, T. Thompson

**Attending:** S.Bell, C.Fingland, F.Bowen-Bate

**Apologies:** S.MacKay T.Kliskey

- 1. Welcome and apologies** F.Park commenced the meeting at 10:00. Apologies as above.
- 2. Conflicts of Interest** None to declare.
- 3. Health & Safety** No incidents to report.
- 4. Minutes of the March Board Meeting were approved unanimously**  
Proposed: A. Boa; seconded: M.Moore  
Signed by F.Park

## **5. Matters arising/ updates**

### **5.1 Development Officer Update**

C. Fingland gave a verbal summary of the detailed report circulated prior to the meeting. This will be followed by a report on the initial phase of the Callander Connect pilot project, including information and statistics on its use so far, costs analysis, testimonials from groups that have held events in the space, as well as key learnings so far. C.F. also summarised the status of the Cycle Share Scheme – aiming for a provisional soft launch on 18<sup>th</sup> May, and a more formal launch mid-June hopefully at the Station Road car park with the help of Colin Welsh of Callander Meanders. C.F. advised of additional investment required from CCDT for securing the bikes in the short term of £111.54, while planning permission is sought from LLTNP and Stirling Council for our own lockers.



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C.F. also reported on plans for a funds showcase event for the Hydro Fund and Braes of Doune Fund on 15<sup>th</sup> May. This will display a few specific causes that each has funded in the past, as well as information for potential applicants. This will also be used to drum up further interest in a trip or trips to the Hydro itself, which will be organised by F.Bowen-Bate and led by F.Park and P.Prescott.

## 5.2 Group reports

- 5.2.1 Greener Callander and Callander Woodland Group reports from Lesley Hawkins circulated prior to the meeting.
- 5.2.2 Visitor Information Centre report from Sheila Winstone circulated prior to the meeting.

## 5.3 Callander Enterprise

M.Moore previously circulated a written request from Callander Enterprise for CCDT to take over management of the InCallander website due to lack of staff/volunteers. Discussions took place around the financial and legal ramifications of CCDT taking this on, with several questions raised, but there was informal agreement in principle. M.Moore asked all CCDT board members to send her questions to help Callander Enterprise assemble a package deal.

## 5.4 Community Transport

Callander Community Council has been informed that Councillor Gene Maxwell has had sight of the paper being put to Stirling Council regarding the C60 bus from Callander to Killin. It offers 4 options including doing nothing, trying again to find a commercial solution, expanding the DRT service or (the preferred option) to run a council operated service of a 16-seat minibus providing 4 round-trip journeys per day on a 2 year pilot basis.

A discussion took place, which weighed up the risks in CCDT becoming involved in this effort (i.e. the amount of work involved which could use up all our capacity and time), against fulfilling the needs of the community and others who have historically relied on this crucial service. There was a suggestion that we look into case studies where other groups have successfully set up community transport services and exactly what is involved.



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## 5.5 Company Secretary

S.Bell formally resigned her role as Company Secretary of CCDT. F.Park proposed the appointment of F.Bowen-Bate to replace her, seconded by P.Prescott. Motion passed unanimously.

## 5.6 Callander Connect – Tablet & Volunteers

F.Bowen-Bate pitched the need for a tablet in Callander Connect for research, display and booking purposes. L.George offered one of his own tablets.

There was a suggestion that authority be delegated from the Board to F.Bowen-Bate, via the Finance Subcommittee, to dispense of the need for such requests at Board meetings.

F.Bowen-Bate also made a request for volunteers to sign up to the rotas for Callander Connect and/or the VIC, particularly in the short-term.

## 5.7 Finance update

S.Bell had previously circulated financial papers prior to the meeting including an outline budget versus actuals breakdown, an accounts and funds summary and year-to-date PnLs for the VIC and holiday flat.

P.Prescott pointed out the urgent attention needed as to how to use the Trust's considerable funds for the community. This will form part of the Finance Subcommittee's discussions at their next meeting (see above).

## 6. Any other business

**6.1 Local Access Forum** P.Prescott explained his involvement with the National Park's Access Forum, which advises on access and the implementation of the Land Reform Act. He suggested F.Bowen-Bate become a member on behalf of CCDT.

**6.2 Upcoming consultation events** F.Bowen-Bate advised the Board of two upcoming events both happening on 30<sup>th</sup> May: a public engagement initiative from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service who have invited a representative from CCDT to give their views on the current fire and rescue service and infrastructure; and a virtual conference held by Clackmannanshire & Stirling Health & Social Care Partnership on a "Whole Systems Approach" to tackle tobacco and vaping issues.

**6.3 CAOS** B.McKay notified the Board that CAOS had made a £100 donation for use of Callander Connect. The Board expressed their thanks to CAOS.

**6.4 Health & Safety governance** F.Bowen-Bate is working from best practice guidelines from SCVO, with support from T.Thompson and G.Kerr to ensure all appropriate



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health & safety and fire safety measures are in place for both Callander Connect and the VIC.

**6.5 Linking up of pedestrian footbridge to adjoining land** D.Moore requested anyone interested in a visit to the proposed site of the pedestrian bridge to contact him to organise.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024.