

Huntly and District Development Trust

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"Working with others to build a resilient, inclusive, enterprising community capable of dealing with ongoing change."

Approved Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday 21st June 2016 19.00-21.00

HDDT Office, Brander Building, The Square, Huntly

Present Les Allan (LA, Chair), Neil Angus (NA), Richard Hammock (RH), Bruce Murray (BM),
Iain Ralston (IR), Sharon Scapens (SS), Mary Scott (MS)

In Attendance Debbie Haefner (DH, Minutes)
Annabel Pinker (AP, James Hutton Institute)

Apologies Donald Boyd (DB), Ronald Pittendrigh (RP), Stuart Thomson (ST), Claudia Zeiske
(CZ)

Ref	Item	Action	By When
1	Welcome & Apologies		
	LA welcomed all to the meeting and noted the apologies.		
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting		
	Approved, no amendments		
3	Finance Report – Richard		
	In the absence of ST, RH presented the financial report "highlights". <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A loan of £25k has been secured from the Clashindarroch Wind Farm.• Funds (£15,000) have been secured from Car Plus to fund Naomi's position for 2 days per week. Work is ongoing to find a funder for the remaining funds.• Valuation on Greenmyres has been done		

4	Greenmyres Renewable Energy – Richard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There's been a considerable overspend on legals. • £20k has been paid to the Thomson's for the wayleave after we received a lot of pressure from his solicitor to make payment or put the project in jeopardy. • Negotiations are ongoing with Scottish Government re CARES loan. • MS lead the thanks for all the work RH has put into the GRE turbine finances. • The turbine share offer should re-commence early next year. • Decommissioning of the turbine will cost money in the future. 		
5	Update from Working Groups		
	<p>1. . Greenmyres (Mary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jill's hours have been reduced to 10 per week. • Funding is to be sought for the major landscaping works required around the pond area to make it accessible to all. • Hazel McLaren, JA and MS are searching for funding for JA's post and for the building itself. • Funding must also being sought for demolition of the outbuildings to ensure a safe environment for the tenant and visitors to site. The WG are to seek a quotation for this works. • Health and Safety issues must be addressed on site as a priority. • The roof by the front door / bathroom of the house needs to be fixed ASAP, it is unsafe for the tenant as it keeps leaking. • Risk assess all future activities onsite. <p>2. Sports (Health and Wellbeing) (Bruce)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AJA consultation report is available on the HSDST website, it has also been referred to in the Huntly Express • The next stage is a full needs analysis and business plan – this is due for completion by September 2016. • Architects were onsite last Friday, they estimate 1.5 to 2 million for the works. • Huntly Sports Hub Facebook page has been set up and is already well liked. • Room to Run – the 10k has sold out, 5k and Wee Shortie both doing well. It is estimated that an extra 1,000 folk will be in or around Huntly Square at Hairst. Bruce to liaise with Lynn Rutter on route and timings. <p>3. Promoting Huntly (Neil) Neil recently attended a meeting re the Princes' Trust and Enterprise Scotland about bringing new business venture to Huntly. Neil and Les are to attend the HBA Networking Event on 29th June at the Gordon Arms Hotel.</p> <p>4. Membership Development (Sharon) Perhaps reaching out to other communities is a way to increase our membership. Insch, Gartly, Rhyndie etc.</p>	JA / MS & Working Group	

8	Board / Governance		
	<p>Directors RH, ST and CZ are all to stand down this year under the 5 year rule. RP is not putting himself up for re-election. Promotion must be done asap for new board members. Ad to be drafted for Huntly Express, LinkedIn, HBA, Social Media, KN etc.</p> <p>AGM The AGM is to be held on Tuesday 20th September. DH / Jane Dempster to have the accounts finalised by then. Annual review and newsletter also to be ready. Les to be co-opted at the AGM.</p> <p>Risk Register DB to produce a first draft</p>		
9	AOCB		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BM producing the Newsletter – input from all required. • Car Club – EV no longer with us. • Broadband – HE are doing a campaign to put pressure on BT. HDDT to ask members for case studies. • Annabel from the James Hutton Institute is to be continuing her research project for the next year or so. This means she will sit in on meetings to conduct her research. Annabel has agreed to write a paper on HDDT's turbine "journey". • Educations Scotland has published the HMI report – it is on HDDT's website. 	ALL	ASAP
10	Close of Meeting		
	LA closed the Board meeting at 20.30		