

"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/Trustees

Tuesday 15th August 2017 19.00-21.00

HDDT Office, Brander Building, The Square, Huntly

Present Les Allan (LA, Chair), Bruce Murray (BM), Sharon Scapens (SS), Mary Scott (MS), Alastair Ross (AR), Jamie Wilkinson (JW)

In Attendance Donald Boyd (DB), Debbie Haefner (DH, Minutes), Steven Hutcheon (SH)

Apologies None

Ref	Item	Action	By When
1	Welcome & Apologies & Declarations of Interest		
	LA welcomed all to the meeting. LA informed the group that Iain Ralston has resigned due to other commitments. LA thanked him for his time on the board. Register of Interests will be issued with papers for all future board meetings and updated as appropriate.	DH/DB	12/09
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting		
	The minutes of the Board meeting of 20 th June were approved, with two amendments in 6.1 (native plants as well as trees planted at Greenmyres) and 9.0 (HDDT members' meeting). Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DB/DH met with Ronnie Legge re the community mini bus on 11/08. HDDT will take over the booking system for the bus from Sept/Oct. Can we check the insurance, what are we liable for? • The members meeting due to be held in June was cancelled. It was proposed that we ask the members at the AGM in September if they'd be happy to be updated digitally / by newsletter once per year and meet in person at the AGM only. 	DH DB LA	ASAP ASAP AGM

3	Finance Report		
	<p>DB presented the financial report. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSE have reimbursed GRE almost £82,000 inc VAT for overpaid costs relating to the Greenmyres wind turbine grid connection. GRE and the Clydesdale Bank have agreed that this can be transferred to HDDT. DH to do so. VAT owed to HDDT from GRE has still to be sorted. Transfer from PayPal to pay for Room to Run medals and T-shirts has been done. Pension payments went out for this month but payments from April-June still due as a lump sum. Low point i.e. under £100K will happen in November. It was agreed that we should spend some funds on essentials at Greenmyres i.e. water supply and demolition. MS to confirm costs. JW/DB to identify any other funding opportunities to cover path development costs. A tender package will need to be put together for the landowner negotiations, JW to assist with this. It was also agreed that we should pay off £40K of the CARES pre-planning loan now, and review the situation again in October once we have had the first distribution from the Clydesdale Bank for the Greenmyres turbine. 	<p>DH</p> <p>DH</p> <p>DB/DH</p> <p>MS</p> <p>JW/DB</p> <p>DB</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>
4	GRE Update		
	The turbine is performing well, slightly better than predicted. The accounts will be presented at the AGM in September. Next GRE Board meeting is 4 th September.		
5	Development Manager's Update		
	<p>DB had provided an update on developments since the previous Board meeting via email prior to this meeting (see appendix for full presentation).</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding bids to the Scottish Government's Aspiring Communities Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund's Great Places scheme had been unsuccessful Gull removal project is now finished for this year. Largely perceived as successful. A debrief meeting is due on 30/08 Talks have begun regarding the future of the museum room next door to the HDDT office Budget for Hairst Sunday event is ca £1,000 Daffodils – awaiting next steps Wheedlemont meeting with rural communities – DH to put out a new Doodle Poll as some invitees could not meet on the dates offered E-bikes – there are storage units in Inverness up for grabs – DB/DS to look into this more. A new LEADER tender bid for the Town Centre – DB to circulate more details to all, BM offered to assist with this. A meeting solely for Greenmyres to be held in October – DH to arrange a Doodle Poll <p>DB requests / proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What to do with SSE funds? DH to transfer from GRE to HDDT Help urgently needed to find new directors (esp finance) Are any Directors not standing for re-election at AGM? SS 	<p>DB/DH</p> <p>DH</p> <p>DB/DS</p> <p>DB/BM</p> <p>DH</p> <p>DH</p>	<p>30/08</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>

6	Update from Working Groups		
	Room to Run is sold out. Approx 1,500 people (runners and family/supporters) expected to be in the town centre on Saturday 2 nd September. BM asked for volunteers to marshal and man the registration on the day.		
7	A96 Dualling update - SH		
	SH briefed all on the A96 dualling project in Moray to date and what we could expect to happen in Aberdeenshire. HDDT should have an input at an early stage and be proactive in the consultation process. This is expected to take place in 2019, with construction in 2025 to 2030.		
8	AGM & Rhynie Gala Plans		
	The AGM Agenda was approved. Date – Tuesday 26 th September Venue – Huntly Golf Club	ALL	26/09
	DB, LA and SS to be present at Rhynie Gala with similar activities as at the HFC Fun Day in May.	LA, DB,SS	19/08
9	AOCB		
	1. SS – slot re fishing on the next agenda please. 2. Aberdeenshire Council have outdoor First Aid training courses – might be an idea to look into this. 3. Dave will be at the Hairst (Saturday) to promote the Car Club. 4. Newsletter articles and photos (separate jpegs please) to BM by 12 th September. 5. DH to promote the Hairst Sunday Greenmyres event as widely as possible.	DB DS ALL DH	12/09 02/09 12/09 ASAP
	LA thanked everyone for their input and closed the meeting at 21.15		