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Approved Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors/Trustees

Tuesday 19th September 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), Jamie Wilkinson (JW)

In Attendance Donald Boyd (DB), Debbie Haefner (DH, Minutes), Carole Small (CS)

Apologies Alastair Ross (AR)

Ref	Item	Action	By When
1	Welcome & Apologies & Declarations of Interest		
	LA welcomed all to the meeting. CS came along with a view to becoming a director.		
	Register of Interests was approved. NA still to declare his interests.	NA	17/10
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting		
	The minutes of the Board meeting of 15 th August were approved, with two typos noted. DH to update accordingly.	DH	ASAP
	Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outstanding balance of almost £82k inc VAT for overpaid costs relating to Greenmyres wind turbine grid connection has been transferred to HDDT. The gull removal project and debrief has been done and was very successful this year. Next year we plan to start the project earlier in the season. The storage units for E-bikes (smart lockers) would cost around £4.5k, the go ahead was given by the Board to action this. DB to circulate the Town Team LEADER bid, any comments on the paper back to DB by Friday 9am. Thanks to LA/SS for their attendance at Rhynie Gala. JW/DB/MS to arrange a meeting to progress the funding bid regarding the path from Cothill to Greenmyres and beyond. The Turbine opening day was a success, thanks to DH for her efforts in organising the day, MS for her help and all others who had an input. 	DB DB/JW/MS	ASAP

3	Finance Report		
	<p>DB presented the financial report. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Room to Run – DH to transfer all associated funds from Paypal to HDDT, then it will be split with NoW. • Income generated from the turbine could be transferred to HDDT around Oct/Nov when the loan will be paid off. Approx £1000k to begin with a potential £50k in March. • The final payment from the Scottish Government which funds DB's post has been received. • Income from Cairnborrow is due to appear around March, with a quarter reserved for Glass/Cairnie. • Wheellemont income is due around March also. • AR to assist in setting up Quickbooks with DB/DH in the next few weeks. 	DH	ASAP
		AR/DB/DH	
4	GRE Update		
	The accounts were approved. Consolidated accounts have been issued for information purposes only.		
5	HDDT Draft 2016/17 Accounts for Approval		
	<p>HDDT annual accounts were approved and signed.</p> <p>BM suggested briefing members on the financial highlights at the AGM, however having copies of the full accounts available if required.</p>		
6	Development Manager's Update		
	<p>DB had provided an update on developments since the previous Board meeting via email prior to this meeting.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar PV – the planning permission expires in Nov 18. • Eco-bothy has been approved. The Board gave the green light to go ahead with this project. • Clashindarroch II – A further discussion is to be had with Vattenfall in the near future. • HDDT invested in the 1st edition of the Huntly Express at auction. • RtRGTH – a bid to CCF is underway, it is due in at the end of Oct. <p>DB requests / proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree to look into alternatives to volunteer Finance Director role. Board to have a think about this, meantime DB to find out what costs would be involved. • Undertake a skills audit to inform what we are looking for in Directors. Yes • Fund an extra day a week for Car Club / E-bike project from our own resources. Potentially yes for 3 months, but DS to prepare a detailed work load paper in the first instance. • Commit up to £4.5k to secure e-bike lockers. Yes • Commit up to £5k to Huntly-Greenmyres-Insch path project. Yes 	ALL/DB	
7	Update from Working Groups		
	<p>Sports Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Room to Run 2017 was a huge success, 400 runners have already expressed an interest for next year's race. All proceeds (approx. 		

	<p>£10k) will be invested back into sports in the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grampian Spots Hub met at HDDT's office last week to share knowledge into events. • Cycling Scotland (PJ Barron) is talking to pupils at The Gordon Schools tomorrow. • No update on the physical sports hub at this time, however BM to provide a full update to members at the AGM. • The Board thanked BM for his successful organising of the Room to Run. <p>Greenmyres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing paper – SS briefed all on the income / expenditure etc and queried the species of fish. The board didn't see an issues with the species so all was ok there. • To alleviate any worries from local fisheries, our rule will be that anyone fishing at Greenmyres must be, or become an HDDT member. • We should seek funding for new jetties suitable for all abilities. Ideas to try for funding were: Strathbogie CC and Aberdeenshire Sports Council. These jetties must be compliant with H&S, JA to be asked to design one, also it may be an idea to include these in JA's funding application to Awards for All for the path. • A second Bats, Moths and Stars night has been organised for Friday 13th October. DH to promote. 	DH	ASAP
8	Priorities		
	DB reminded all on the HDDT journey so far and results of the away day. It was agreed that at the AGM we ask our members what is important to them out of the headings on the away day paper.		
9	AGM		
	The AGM Agenda was approved. Date – Tuesday 26 th September 19.00hrs Venue – Huntly Golf Club	ALL	26/09
	BM finalising newsletter in time for the AGM, ask JA if she has a better version in terms of resolution of the proposed path.	BM JA	26/09
10	AOCB		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting to discuss the future plans at Greenmyres – DH to arrange a Doodle Poll for a Sunday in November, time 11.00 till 16.00, first half onsite, lunch, then second half in HDDT office. 2. Marr Area Partnership AGM will be held on Tuesday 3rd October at Boulders O'Birse (17.00) then onto Finzean Church Hall (18.00), should anyone wish to attend. 	DH	ASAP
11	BM to chair the next Board meeting on 17/10 in LA's absence. LA thanked everyone for their input and closed the meeting at 21.20	BM	17/10