

Huntly & District Development Trust

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

Minutes of HDDT Members Meeting Wednesday 28th October 2015, 19.00-21.00 Huntly Golf Club

1. Welcome and Introductions

Richard welcomed all present. Debbie noted the apologies. (See annex 1)

2. Minute of Previous Meeting

Approved.

3. Finances

In the absence of Stuart Thomson, Finance Director, Donald provided the financial report. The headline information is that we are closer than ever to financial sustainability but 'not out of the woods yet'.

- Our renewable energy related income streams (from Cairnborrow and Greenmyres) should start flowing in early 2017.
- Our negative cashflow point is at May 2016.
- The gap to bridge is then roughly nine months to a year.
- Additional £5,000 secured from Aberdeenshire Council recently for hire of 5 e-bikes until 31st March 2016.
- £1,750 secured from the AB54 Health & Wellbeing Group for continued administration of their (largely NHS) funds. This will be for 2 years with effect from April 2016.
- Various funding avenues are being explored to plug the gap from May 2016 until the renewable income comes on stream. The full audited accounts can be found at www.huntlydevelopmenttrust.org.

4. Project Updates

- **Greenmyres Non Wind**
Jill Andrews, Greenmyres Project Manager provided an update on the design submitted for planning permission for the first phase building.
- Mary Scott, Chair of the Greenmyres Working Group updated all on the progress made so far. The area around the pond has been mulched, new trees planted and guards put around them. Sharon Scapens spoke about the pond, which has been stocked with 50 fish. A fishing competition was held recently. Ronald Pittendrigh led a small group to bring the first section of a path back into use for walkers and cyclists, this involved cutting back gorse and mulching. The path leads from the BaHill to Greenmyres.
- **Room to Roam Green Travel Hub:**
Naomi Mason, (recently appointed) Green Travel Hub Project Manager introduced herself and provided all with an update on the project so far.
 - Car Club has been re-launched
 - E-bikes are on hire to the Council

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- Tales from the Tyre winter programme underway with Mark Beaumont and Lee Craigie booked to do talks in November.
- Several more sessions of Fuel Good training have been completed
- Winter Walking & Cycling Challenge to be launched in November
- Audax cycle event for 2016 to be arranged
- **Sports Hub:**
Bruce gave an update on the Sports Hub. £25,000 funding secured via Legacy 2014 funding to develop vision to progress future funding requirements.
Consultants have been appointed to put together a strategy / sustainability plan, they will review the existing facilities and engage with clubs to find out their needs and aspirations.
The project launch meeting is to be held on Wednesday 2nd December at 7pm in Huntly Golf Club.
A Ladies Exercise and Activity Taster Day is being planned for early next year to show what is on offer in the AB54 area.
- **Greenmyres Renewable Energy:**
Richard explained the community shares which will be launching in January. More information regarding this is available at www.huntlydevelopmenttrust.org/greenmyresshares

5. Plans for the Future

1. Board / Governance

- Richard to continue as Chair until the AGM in June 2016. Les has agreed to take on the role of Vice-Chair for the moment and will then step up to the position of Chair in June 2016.
- A Directors' "away day" is to be organised in the coming months to plot out the next 3-5 years.

2. Projects

- Key to deliver what we are funded to deliver and make sure those projects are sustainable. After that, we will look to start work on town centre regeneration.

7. Q & A / Discussion

- Pat Scott said well done to all involved in getting the project to the stage that it could apply for the Feed in Tariff in time.
- Gordon Simpson asked that the possibility to grow daffodils at Greenmyres be explored as this has benefits to Alzheimer's research and could be a source of income for the Trust. Jill to action.

8. AOCB

- Annabel Pinker of the James Hutton Institute explained that HDDT had been used as a case study in an EU research project and that she would like to thank staff, Directors, working groups and others in the wider community for their contribution. She would likely be in a position to give a presentation on the preliminary results of their study at the next HDDT members meeting.

9. Date of next meeting

TBC – some date in February 2016

Richard thanked everyone for attending, special thanks to Huntly Golf Club for use of their function hall and bar. The meeting closed at 21.00.

Annex 1: Attendance and apologies

Attendees

Members:

Sandra Brantingham
Mary Burgerhout
Tony Gill
Claire Newman
Pat Scott
Sheena Sharp
Gordon Simpson
Jackie Smith
Ingrid Wylie

Non Member:

Annabel Pinker (James Hutton Institute)

Board:

Les Allan
Richard Hammock
Bruce Murray
Ronald Pittendrigh
Sharon Scapens
Mary Scott

Staff:

Jill Andrews
Donald Boyd
Debbie Haefner
Naomi Mason

Apologies

Board:

Neil Angus
Fiona Manson
Iain Ralston
Stuart Thomson
Claudia Zeiske

Members:

Winnie Adam
Calum Easton
David Easton
Herbert Eppel
Sue Eppel
Rita Haefner
Steven Hutcheon
Jane Lockyer
Fraser MacDonald
Uschi Mitchell
Peter Rawlings
Margo Wordie

