

DUNBLANE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Minute of the DDT Board meeting held on Monday 28th August 2023 at 7pm at the Braeport Centre

<p>1. Present/Apologies/in Attendance</p> <p><i>Present:</i> Sandy Fleming, Anita Smiley, Mirella Marchini, Scott Williamson, Stewart Corbett, Paul Nelson, Margaret Sharkey, Malcolm Dougall <i>Apologies:</i> Alan Booth, Ian Gill, David Young. <i>In Attendance :</i> Deirdre Fraser, Kirsty Cathrine, Celia Carman, Gillian Joynes (potential new Trustee) and Rhona McInnes for Item 5.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of meeting on 17th July 2023</p> <p>The minutes were agreed to be a true record of the meeting and approved.</p>	
<p>3. Actions Update and Matters Arising</p> <p>See attached. The Board approved the appointments of Sue Hunter and Margaret Sharkey to the Board. The Board approved the circular resolution for the funding application for the Christmas Extravaganza. (£800)</p>	
<p>4. AGM Preparation</p> <p>The preparation for the AGM is progressing with posters going up on 1st September. The Ordinary Resolution to increase annual membership fees was discussed and the Board agreed that the new fee should be increased to £20 and there should be no junior membership fee. A discussion took place regarding the word 'membership'. Comments were made that membership is misleading as members do not actually receive any benefits from joining up, so would it not be better to change the name to 'supporter' or "Friends of DDT". We need to look into whether this needs to be changed at the AGM by resolution.</p>	Mirella/Ian
<p>5. Marys Meals</p> <p>Sandy updated the Board that we had been unsuccessful in taking over the Mary's Meals (MMs) shop and we were now looking at trying to lease the old bridal shop. Paul commented that an offer had been made to the bridal shop which was the same as the one made to MMs but unfortunately this has been rejected. Paul now wants to increase the offer to £15K/year for 10 years with a rent holiday ,(one month for every full years rent paid) for maintenance work to take place and has asked for entry in mid September. Paul asked the Board to approve this which they did. The bridal shop have asked for a £5K deposit for 2 years. This deposit would be refundable after 2 years. He understands that there is now someone else interested in the bridal shop but feels that we are in a better position to take it over and has sent our business plan to the agents. As he has had no response, he will contact them on Wednesday , 30th August. Paul commented that he had written to MMs to say that he would like the stock but again has heard nothing back. It is understood that Stirling Aid who were interested in MMs have withdrawn their offer so a question was raised about going back to Mr Carruthers to see if we could make another offer. Rhona McInnes asked what would happen if the bridal shop is also unsuccessful and Sandy commented that they would continue to look for premises.</p>	Paul

<p>6. Windfarm Award Kirsty informed the Board that there will be 4 applications for the Windfarm Award this year. An application for Glen Road repairs, EcoFest for an activity, Dunblane in Bloom and Celia Carman is looking for funding for a listening history audio for the museum.</p>	
<p>7. Data Protection (GDPR) The Board noted the paper. Following a breach of GDPR recently, it was agreed that everyone needs to be refreshed on the law. Trustees, staff and working group leaders should all be asked to sign a paper saying they have read and understood what is required of them. It was agreed that someone should go out to working group leaders to ask how their data is stored.</p>	Kirsty
<p>8. Chair Report Sandy informed the Board that he is meeting someone from Nature Scotland along with Bridget Clark and Peter McKenzie to discuss the recent complaint regarding birds nest orchids being removed from the side of the road. He will give an update at the next meeting.</p>	Sandy
<p>9. Treasurers Report The Board noted the papers. Kirsty updated the Board on the advice from DTAS saying that it was normal for charities to ask for a contribution of 10-15% from working groups. Paul commented that if the DDT were to go ahead and charge working groups 10% of unrestricted income he would expect the £2k that DFD currently contribute to be offset against this charge. If this did not happen, then DFD would be forced into going independent of the DDT. It was agreed that the finance committee would meet and go back to the Board with a plan. Paul also commented that there has been very little done regarding cut backs which was discussed at previous meetings and questioned why.</p>	Finance Committee
<p>10. DDTPL Malcolm updated the Board that DDTPL have had a reasonable year despite the issue with EDF which is still unresolved. Malcolm and Paul met with Hacking and Paterson to discuss the lack of management through DJM for the Riverview but they refused to accept any fault on their part. DDTPL, Craft Central and the owner of flat A are pursuing DJM with a view to having them absorb some of the debt due to EDF. The dispute continues.</p>	
<p>11. Health and Safety We are currently still looking for someone to take over this role.</p>	
<p>12. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting dates: 30th September (AGM) 9th October 2023 	