Kincardineshire Development Partnership

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Board of Trustees Meeting – Thursday 14th November 2024 at 2pm
Community Room, Stonehaven Community Centre

Minutes

Present:
George Cruickshank – Newtonhill, Muchalls & Cammachmore Community Council
Bridget Scott – Bettridge Centre
Ian Hunter – Stonehaven & District Community Council
Peter Flockhart – TRAK
Eeva-Kaisa Arter – Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council
Henning Wagner – Mill of Benholm Enterprise

Apologies:
Starkeeper Morton – The Haven

In Attendance:
Mairi Eddie – KDP Development Worker
Margo Titmuss – KDP Windfarm & Funding Officer

1. Welcome
The Chair, George Cruickshank, welcomed all those present and thanked them for attending the first daytime meeting of the Board, and the last meeting of 2024.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes
The minutes of the formal meeting of 22nd August 2024 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. They were proposed by Henning Wagner and seconded by Peter Flockhart.

3. Matters Arising.
(11) AOCB- George attended the Wee Gaitherin representing KDP. It was a very good event and well attended.

4. Nomination & Acceptance of Vice Chair
Peter Flockhart was nominated as Vice Chair. He was proposed by Bridget Scott and seconded by Ian Hunter.

5. Finance Update
Finance report shared in advance. Cash Flow to follow.

6. KDP Development Officer Report
Mairi shared an update in advance. Main points being:

- Growing Network – allocated funds from Tackling Poverty & Inequality to start up and develop a network of community growing groups. First meeting was held at The Caim at Luthermuir.
- Community Café Afternoon Tea – with funding for the National Lottery the volunteers from the 4 Community Cafes were invited to the event to thank them for their efforts and celebrate all that has been achieved. It was an excellent event and enjoyed by all.
- Place Planning – the Community Action Plan Guide produced by KDP has been well received. St Cyrus are looking to complete a CAP and KDP will provide support as needed. Could also support another community at this time. KDP to present at the Community Council Forum in December on Place Planning. It was discussed that it may be more appropriate for this presentation to be held at an in-person meeting, not online. Also National Lottery funding to run workshops on the subject.
- Volunteer Recruitment & Community Group Showcase – 16 local groups attended the event at Mearns Academy. It was an excellent opportunity for networking amongst the groups. The S1 pupils attended and learnt about volunteering in the area. There was not a great attendance by the public, but those who did attend were genuinely interested and matches were made.
- Community Planning – work continues, with recent events including a Wellbeing event, developing a Food Plan for the area and the Growing Network. Community Planning SLA for next three years has still to be put in place.
- Funding/Forward Planning – bid submitted to the Rural Partnership Challenge Fund for £11,300. Hopeful to hear this month.

7. Windfarm Update
Hillhead of Auquhirie – opens again on 1st April 2025.
Meikle Carewe - the Fund closed on 30th September with 34 applications, 31 of which were from within the area of benefit, and totaled £90,736.32. The available fund was £39,334.47.
The panel met on 23rd October and 23 applications were supported for a wide range of projects.
The online application process worked well and will be extended to the other two windfarms.

St John's Hill - reopens on 1st January 2025.

8. Transport Project
Council has funding via Tacking Poverty & Inequality Fund to address community transport solutions. This is partly based on the transport survey previously undertaken by KDP.
The Council would like KDP to employ a contractor for 6 months to undertake research and find potential pilot studies. There would be admin costs to cover KDP's involvement.
The Board agreed they are happy to proceed with this project.

9. Funding Update
Community Planning SLA – awaiting update
Rural Partnership Challenge Fund – awaiting update.

10. Strategic Plan Brainstorming Session
A Development Action Plan was created as part of the work completed with Douglas of Community Enterprise. Although it took slightly longer to complete the actions, most of these have now been met.
The Board were split into two groups and asked to make suggestions for a new Development Plan.
Trustee suggestions from sheets and discussion:

- Possible support for groups keen to form a community tourism association
- Bringing groups together – possibly a membership get-together
- Finding ways to involve younger people and help them develop their skills and CVs.
- Offering advice on local services and support and help in dealing with the Council.
- Climate and Net Zero help and support.
- Advice on resilience planning.

It was agreed that reaching out to our membership to find out what specific help and advice they need at present, would be a valuable thing to do. Information gained from this can then be used to inform a new Strategic Plan. This will be added to the Agenda for the next meeting.
It was also agreed that future Community Fund policies should be added to the next Agenda.

11. AOCB
Tullo update – Bridget will be the KDP representative at the Tullo panel meeting on 19th November. Will ask questions about the fund and feedback at the next meeting.

AVA – Mairi had a call with Keith Anderson and Heather McKay to raise some issues with sourcing support within Kincardine & Mearns. It was agreed that there may be opportunities to work together in the future.

12. Date of Next Meeting
The next meeting will be on Thursday 20th February at 2pm. The venue is to be agreed.

The meeting closed at 4.15pm.

Minutes taken by Margo Titmuss

I, GEORGE CRUICKSHANK hereby confirm these minutes reflect a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed: _____ Date: 20.02.25.