

KIRKCUDBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

DRAFT MINUTES of the meeting of Kirkcudbright Development Trust held on Monday 9th September 2024, in the small meeting room at The Johnston.

Present

Lesley Garbutt – Chair (LG)	Jenny Milby (JM)
Andy Campbell (AC)	Debbie Craig (DC)
Rob Asbridge (RA)	Neil Picken (NP)
Brian Thomson (BT)	
Deborah Firth (minute taker DF)	

Apologies

Helen Henderson (HH)	John Blaikie (JB)
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In attendance:

Grace Cordoza – Sleeping Giants
Craig Fabian – St Cuthbert Wanderers Football Club
Ian McIntyre – St Cuthbert Wanderers Football Club

1. Welcome & Apologies

LG welcomed all to the meeting

We were joined by Craig Fabian and Ian McIntyre (Chair) of St Cuthbert Wanderers Football Club for a short presentation on their plans for the future of the club. They have big plans to make football more inclusive, improve the environment with a new clubhouse and more involvement with the wider community. LG assured them they had the full support of The Board and would help where we could. A handout is attached for further information.

Grace Cordoza from Sleeping Giants then confirmed that the final Strategy Plan is now complete, and it is now in the hands of the Board and staff to implement. Seven strategic objectives have been identified to achieve over the next 3 years with progress to be monitored and all this information will help with future funding applications etc. In conclusion they hope to continue to help with the Local Place Plan and support going forward with implementation. A precis is attached, together with a copy of the full report.

Minutes of last meeting held on 8th July 2024

The Minutes were approved by those present.

2. Reporting

Silvercraigs

JM reported that CN had hoped to give a report but was catching up following a very busy weekend. LG also mentioned her boss came to visit and stayed at the park, they had a wonderful time and in turn recommended to others. The only comment was regarding the wi-fi, which CN is aware of and has in hand. Trade continues to be busy but is tailing off a little as to be expected at this time of year.

The Hut

LG advised that there have been several solicitors letters back and forth regarding the parking situation. It has been confirmed via Land Registry that the land that KDT believed it could rent from Hope-Dunbar, does belong to Gillespie, and he is not interested in leasing the space. DC is speaking to the council with regards to looking at creating a drop off point but in the meantime the Hut will be marketed as suitable for walkers, cyclists etc with parking at the Dhoon. LG also wished to thank Neil Cavers for all his work on this matter.

Funding/Claims

DC reported that £3k had been received for The Hut from Galloway Association of Glasgow. Two further funding applications have been submitted for £25K and £75K for community engagement projects.

Office.

JM reported that things were very busy in the office. A limit of 10 hours per week have now been allocated for the pool and a meeting with Carson & Trotter has been arranged to go through the new wages system for the pool. The issue with the doors is ongoing, but this is in hand with regular calls to the Shopfront for a resolution.

It was suggested that CN and EP give written reports, rather than in person and this was agreed.

The hanging system that put in place for the recent Art & Crafts weekend is only half up, so this will need to be completed.

The issue of lighting continues to be ongoing. It is now planned that EP & MM move into a designated office space in the small meeting room. The room will be given a coat of paint over the weekend to freshen it up and the move will take place w/e 16/9/24. This will be an "office space" to allow hotdesking to still be possible.

Building.

EV chargers are installed, the bays will be marked out w/c 16.9.24.

Alex Kinnell has arranged for the new experts / engineers to come and inspect the tower on the 18th Sept. This will necessitate the Planetarium being closed for the 17th, 18th and 19th.

Dark Space Planetarium

JM reported there had been a recent successful visit from a group of Ukrainian children, and a day of Safeguarding training had been undertaken by the staff in conjunction with Sleeping Giants. Unfortunately, due to the very wet weather, there had been more leaks but on the plus site the weather had led to record visitor numbers.

Marketing and Communication

DC reported that there had been a lot posted on Facebook and Instagram. Hut is now on the KDT website with bookings via Silvercraigs.

LG advised she had a meeting with Avive Asbridge of Kirkcudbright Summer Festivities last week and there seems to be some issues with communication as AA was unaware that KDT

made a large donation to the RNLI or that the Summer of Small Grants was a KDT project. It was pointed out that both these events were circulated on social media as well as having features in the Galloway News. It was agreed that Trustees needed to highlight these events / projects while attending other community meetings. She stressed that we must keep putting the message out to the wider public. It was mentioned that there seems to be some confusion with the KDT / Festivities logos.

Tenancy Agreements

Leases were discussed.

KDT Finances

HH circulated information prior to the meeting.

Youth Project.

JM – the Fun Day was well attended and the feedback was very positive. The new term is seeing a new batch of young kids. EP has expressed concerns that it may be felt she is not fully committed with everything going on in her personal life - assurance was given that this is not the case and compassionate leave could be taken if needed.

Barhill and Harbour Stage

RA admitted he has not done much recently but will catch up. An incident report has been lodged with the council regarding the flooding at the front of the stage and the broken grating.

KIC

HH circulated the latest report prior to the meeting. The large screen in the KIC has received mixed reviews but a major issue seems to be the amount of reflection as the sun moved around the building making it sometimes unreadable. A decision will be made on whether to continue with it next year, with an anti-glare screen being an option. It was agreed that it will be removed over the winter month once the centre is closed.

3. AOB:

JM Following a visit to The Bunker in Gatehouse it has been suggested that KDT have a refill station. The Board was in agreement and a suitable location will be looked into.

Next meeting with be the AGM on 4th November

The Format is to be discussed and agreed

LG thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting 5.45pm