

Minutes from KCLA Committee Meeting 4th September 2008

Held at 74 Pettycur Road, Kinghorn

Present: Chris Mitchell (Chair), Julie Farr, Mick McMillan, Richard Brewster, Elspeth Killin

Apologies: Rosalind Ramage, John Lancaster, Ewen Campbell

Minutes of last meeting :

RD to be amended to RB

Approval of minutes of last meeting - moved RB, accepted CM

Previous minutes outstanding: approval carried forward to next meeting

Matters arising:

Steve awaiting written submissions from KCC and KLUG

Re - question of 'open space designation dropped' in JF e-mail. JF to clarify with Planning Department.

Co-option of Elspeth Killin to KCLA Board:

Moved CM, seconded MM

Stage 2a - Feasibility Progress & Funding:

Due to outstanding info required from KCC and KLUG, will BDT accept KCLA's submission at their next (October) board meeting ?

RB e-mailed Patricia G - no response. RB to contact Alex McDonald first thing Friday 5/09/2008 - just to touch base as BDT meeting imminently.

Discussion on whether to take initiative on opening further discussions with D Neill & the Hollands - recognising their input & efforts at the farm over the years. Decision to await Steve's report and then raise at communications sub-group.

Stage 2b - Planning and Funding:

Investing in Ideas grants for K1 and K2 and then the other plots - required by end September.

Redraft of briefs and funding applications required - CM/MM

Ecology Centre and K1/K2:

a) Update and timetable

CM to circulate JF timetable

Planning Department have welcomed EC application as they usually have to argue for the sustainability options. The amenity and transport aspects are key.

Bereavement Services: they have a long list of priority sites and may be sympathetic to KCLA options.

Meetings to be arranged to further K1 and K2 (also buffer strip):

1. Steve and KCLA - CM
2. EC/KCLA - JF - 24/09/2008 proposed
3. Bereavement Services/EC/KCLA/Steve (?) - CM

Next step would be to commission the land valuation.

b) Ballot:

CM spoke to Fife Council - they are happier with Spring 2009 dates and are considering a formal request. It was agreed that a lot of preparatory work has to be done.

c) Funding:

CM/MM

d) Legal fees:

These relate to searches on areas of unknown ownership, lease and actual purchase - CM to ask Colin L for estimates.

Communications, consultations, website:

a) Consultations:

Fife Council (Susan Muir) letter - could this be released ? CM discussed with SM - ok to go ahead.

b) Communications & website:

RB to produce update - joint statement with EC.

Agreed we need communications strategy and timetable - sub-group to be formed. Membership - RB, RR, EK, JL. JL to approach KCLA member with marketing experience. RB to arrange first meeting.

Ideas to go forward to communications group - photos on website - individual and group, cvs for individual board members, Update to members and poster sites in Kinghorn village

Options for cheaper printing costs were discussed.

c) Complaints update:

RB has received an update from the Standards Commission saying they are looking into the matter. RB to contact A. Rowley re update.

d) Correspondence:

Voluntary Action Fund - up to £1k for possible communications, PR, ballot, community involvement - EK to draft

DTAS Climate Challenge Fund - CM has registered interest. We await their response.

Local People Leading - e-mail circulated. If members do not wish to receive this, let CM know.

Kirkcaldy Central Community Forum - rep for 7/10/2008 meeting. Attendee - RB

Electoral Reform Society - requested interview/consultation re National Survey. CM to

participate.

Clare's Quiz:

Please support. CM to ensure all have copies to print/circulate.

Members:

No new members

AOCB

Survey - 'Have your say on the big lottery fund' - CM to respond

MM found advert for attracting new members of board which may be useful template. MM to draft and publicise in Kinghorn

JF will circulate 'options' report for new Ecology Centre to members

Meetings:

Wednesday 8th October

Wednesday 12th November

AGM date - towards end November - RB