



Cambusbarron Community Development Trust

Zoom board meeting



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Meeting ID: 833 4050 6182 Passcode: April

Monday 05.04.2021 7.30pm

Approved Minutes

Present: Richard, Ann, Melissa, Jennifer, Dougie, Lesley, Emma		
Apologies: Jane, Aldo, Russell		
Agenda	Discussion /Action	Who
Conflicts of interest.	Richard – Community Centre, Homeowner on Gillies Hill Jane – Cambusbarron Village Nursery Ann – Community Council Emma – Homeowner on Gillies Hill Melissa – Community Council	
Approved	Minutes of this meeting approved at the meeting on 4/5/04	RN and JF
Approval/review of previous minutes	Trustee meeting 01/03/2021	AF and MN
Matters arising from previous minutes	Last Board meeting Education Group 17.03.21 Gillies Hill Management Group 25.03.21 Walled garden group 08.03.21	
Chair report	COVID restrictions update moved from stay at home to Stay Local may be more people visiting the woods. Consider volunteering after announcement on 26/04/21 agenda item for May meeting. Not a free for all.	Richard All

	<p>Blog post regarding Drygrange path (See note C) next step we should be approached re path route before planning application made to planning. Blog to be posted by Jennifer to include legal paragraph. Concern regarding route through Bearside Quarry very wet three springs run through it.</p>	Jennifer
Treasurer's report	<p>Accounts (See note A) CCAF01 grant report end of grant report due 16.04.21 Sawbench to be collected on Friday. Supplemented the cost of this to get a better sawbench.</p> <p><u>Cambusbarron Fund</u> When is the next instalment due. Can it be carried over? <u>Log sales</u> Send around the amount of log sales raised so far. Process needs to be clarified there is a set amount month that can be sold.</p>	Richard Ann Ann Richard
Membership updates	<p>New memberships for approval (see note B) Two new members approved</p>	Emma
Communications	<p>Website update no update Photo competition no update Jennifer will put a Blog about "Pooh in the Woods" local family doing this but don't want to be identified</p>	Jennifer Jennifer
Board admin proposals	<p>Risk Assessment and action plan (Item O)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fairy Hill – no progress to date. C/F <p>Development of volunteer roles and volunteering policy (risk assessment action plan) (Items L, M and N)</p>	Richard Richard

	<p>Volunteer ICT support. Linda website. Assistant chainsaw person Fundraising. Health and safety Poster designer Newsletter editor Volunteer coordinator</p> <p>Consider ICT support for Board members to enable people to join the Board if they don't have IT knowledge or tools or supply ipads / computer for infirm and less able members of our communities to view the woodland.</p> <p>New policies required no update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding policy • Health and Safety policy (risk assessment action plan) 	<p>Richard</p> <p>All</p> <p>Lesley / Jennifer / Richard</p>
Project updates		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common subject matter 	<p>Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check with Russell where we are on this. Needs to go out ASAP. Newsletter required to advertise this. Link to be sent around Board members <p>Electricity supply to Gillies Hill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enquiry in awaiting quote meeting required with a few people. <p>Path upgrades timescale C/F</p>	<p>Jennifer/Russell</p> <p>Jennifer</p> <p>Russell</p> <p>Russell</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Group 	<p>Clare and Pauline taking the lead on this considering:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Muir award • Duke of Edinburgh 	<p>Clare</p> <p>Pauline</p> <p>Amos</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCDT specific learning aids. • Amos to work closer with the school. • List of Amos knowledge running sessions look for funding. • Information gathering brief 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Benches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools request CCDT owned stored in container list of requirement for Community Pride application • Are more boards needed for the remaining benches. • Small generator been donated by Shug Cunningham for use on the hill. • Pauls plaque going on Saturday. • Next bench will be for Jim and Eilidh 	<p>Aldo</p> <p>Aldo to discuss with Amos</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery Provision 	<p>Update on development plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning work for proposed site is underway. • Funding application for ground works soon. • Grateful for progression of electricity provision • Looking for a veg plot in the walled garden and possible use of polytunnel. • Looking for blue shed to be moved. when, where is it going who can help 	<p>Jane</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gillies Hill paths and signage 	<p>Progress report no update</p>	<p>C/F Russell</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome pack 	<p>Melissa is taking this over this project.</p>	<p>Melissa</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polmaise castle grounds restoration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ahead of schedule • Lawn mower required now. Go ahead and purchase discuss releasing funds with Richard. • Checked PH of soil is OK. • Ready for planting. • Community anxious to help plant etc. • Start cutting the grass this weekend. • Benches being donated by a client from Aldo's work. 	<p>Dougie</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern re planting invasive species. • Already planted a camelia and daisies. • Project document to be updated 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walled garden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apple trees for orchard area ordered some already here. • Tree stakes and rabbit fencing have also been ordered protecting the trees from rabbits and deer removing the requirement for deer fencing and gates being closed off at this time. Awaiting delivery. • Jane has applied for additional fruit trees for this area. • Include a strimmer in the community Pride application • Compost toilet base in, toilet should arrive April. • Angus not able to compete the report on the wall will need to look for other help to complete this to be discussed at walled garden group. • Nursery would like to develop an area to use this summer term and possibly use the polytunnel discus at Walled Garden Group 	Ann
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gillies Hill management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress report • Help and costs of more technical tree work (Linda's path tree). Required. • Amos to construct a plan to get arborist cost to check condition of trees Emma to forward ling to Julian Schad. • Information boards. 	Jennifer / Emma Jennifer / Amos
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambusbarron Archive 	Progress report no update	Richard C/F
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Container Planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision to site the two containers facing the castle 8-10 feet apart with cover over the gap and secured at each end to be used as a wood store along with a small parking area for loading and unloading size to take around six cars. • Contact has been made through e-planning for prior approval this goes to Scottish Office then back to Stirling Council if you get no reply in 28 days you can 	Ann

	go ahead. They have been back asking a few questions and advising the fee will be £78.00. I have sent answers and further photographs so await their reply, if none received by 22/04/21 I will contact again	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castle Gates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two quotes received, Richard Blore still interested but is awaiting steel costs. • Area behind the gates will have to be cleared also fence built around Stewart's septic tank before work can begin 	Ann C/F

Other Business		
Correspondence		
AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better places green recovery fund https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/naturescot-better-places-green-recovery-fund-round-2?utm_source=E-Newsletter&utm_campaign=580335372e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_05_07_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e19689f21d-580335372e-59821426&mc_cid=580335372e&mc_eid=47e7542e47 	
Next meeting(s) and events:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walled Garden group: Tuesday 13/4/21 at 7:30pm • Education group: Wednesday 21/4/21 at 7.30pm • Gillies Hill Management group: Thursday 22/4/21 at 7.30pm • Next board: Tuesday 4/5/21 at 7:30pm 	



Cambusbarron Community Development Trust

Note A. Treasurers Report as of 28.02.2021

CCDT Treasurer's report: Current cleared funds: £22,695.14

Cambusbarron Community Development Trust		
Balance Sheet		
As of February 31, 2021		
	Total	Note
Cash at bank and in hand		
CCDT Donations account	242.99	
CCDT Main account		
CCAF01	0.00	Community Asset Fund (report due 31/03/2021)
CCDT	1,207.66	Unrestricted fund
CCF01	9,019.07	CCDT Business Support (1 st report due 01/05/2021)
CPF06	231.00	Welcome pack
CPF10	507.94	Utilities, seeds etc.
CSET01	(348.13)	Various woodland expenses (current grant to spend £7151.87) (report due 26/09/2021)
PI01	492.86	Defib project
SLF03	15,270.95	Scottish Land Fund revenue grant
Total CCDT Main account	26,381.35	
Total Cash at bank and in hand	26,624.34	

Funding of Community Forest manager detail (SLF03)

Expenditure to date:

	Budget	Spent so far	Variance (still to spend)	
Wages	£21,606.00	£8,783.41	£12,822.59	
Pension at 3%	£648.18	£0.00	£648.18	
PPE and training	£679.79	£1,258.50	(£578.71)	£1,647.35
Woodland expenses	£8,332.91	£6,106.85	£2,226.06	
Recruitment costs	£453.32	£453.32	£0.00	
Employment Expenses	£179.80	£26.97	£152.83	
Totals	£31,900.00	£16,629.05	£15,270.95	

CCAF01 Budget detail

	Budget	Spend	Variation	comments
Electric Chainsaw	£599.00	£530.12	-£68.88	purchased and delivered
Electric Pole Saw	£549.00	£429.23	-£119.77	purchased and delivered
Batteries for tools	£840.00	£1,060.28	+£220.28	purchased and delivered – 2 extra batteries not yet delivered
Battery Charger	£139.99	£123.89	-£16.10	purchased and delivered
Corrugated roofing	£468.60	£485.48	+£16.88	purchased and delivered
Polytunnel	£952.00	£966.26	+£14.26	purchased and delivered – in storage
Rotovator	£179.00	£179.99	+£0.99	purchased and delivered
Fruit trees	£400.00	£301.00	-£99.00	purchased and in the process of being delivered
20 x Tree stakes 150cm (5.88 each)	£117.60	£199.77	+£82.17	purchased with delivery to be arranged
20 x Tree guards 80cm (3.42 each)	£68.40	£68.40	£0.00	purchased with delivery to be arranged
Saw bench	£898.99	£1,872	+£973.01	purchased with delivery to be arranged
Splitting axe (small)	£170.00	£120.95	-£49.05	purchased and delivered
Splitting axe (large)	£114.00	£137.90	-£23.90	purchased and delivered
Composting toilet	£1,828.96	£1,749.92	£79.04	order placed by Russell and paid for - not yet delivered
20 x Tree ties (1.14 each)	£22.80	£22.80	£0.00	purchased with delivery to be arranged
Toilet installation	£300.00	£300.00	£0.00	purchased and delivered (Base fitting only)

Total purchases on this grant came to£8547.99

The grant was for£7648.34

The CCF01 fund has therefore supplemented.....£899.65

CCF01 Budgeting (Cambusbarron Community Fund)

This fund has awarded us with £10,000 for this year. Due to decisions made at board meetings the following funds are committed for future use at this stage:

Already spent	
In support of CCAF01 (Saw bench and tree stakes)	£899.65
Pond edge seeds (CPF10 did not have sufficient funds to cover)	£81.28
Required to match fund CSET01	
Road repairs and surfacing for parking area 20 x £40 doe type 1	£82.53
Wall repair	£4,000.00
Digger hire £96 per day	£480.00
Digger operator £22.50ph 35 hours	£390.00
Replace gates	£1,250.00
Chain saw supplies	
Utilities for tools	
Agricultural gate 3m wide	£250.00
Edible hedge	£100.00
Required from previous board decisions	
Fence for mine shaft	£1,000.00
Second container	£1,000.00
Total committed spending	£9,533.46
Unbudgeted funds from CCF01	£466.54

The next money is due in May 2021 I think.



Note B. New memberships for approval:

Membership types:

- Full (M)
- Associate (A)
- Junior (J)

Surname	Forename	Address 1	Membership category

Note C. Proposed blog post regarding the Drygrange path:

On the 19th March 2021 the Scottish Reporter overturned the decision of Stirling council to refuse planning permission for an access track to the proposed site of new quarrying on the west side of Gillies Hill. This decision potentially paves the way for quarrying on Gillies Hill to restart. The area to be quarried does not include any of the CCDT land, this land has been protected by us purchasing it. There is much more information on this decision on the Save Gillies Hill website at <https://savegillieshill.org.uk/> and that organisation continues to oppose all aspects of the proposed reopening of the quarry. If this is something you would like to support, then I would encourage you to contact them and get involved in the fight. There is a list of 16 conditions placed on the construction of the access track, these include construction of a pedestrian access route along Polmaise Road to enable the public to walk the route without danger of being hit by lorries.

At the time of our purchase of the 64 Ha portion of Gillies Hill, the seller had anticipated this situation and insisted on a clause being inserted into our purchase agreement that we would permit this path to be constructed on our land. We had the simple choice to either purchase the land with this clause or walk away from the negotiations. At the time we took the decision to agree to the clause and purchase the land.

The CCDT board now await developments and anticipate a request for construction of this path to begin. We will do all we can to minimise the impact of this path creation on our wildlife.

Richard Norman

Chair of CCDT

For your information this is the extract from the sale document which includes the clause:

3. An unrestricted non-exclusive heritable and irredeemable servitude right to construct and lay, and thereafter maintain, repair and replace a pathway together with suitable drainage not exceeding 5 metres in width capable of use by pedestrian, non-motorised vehicular and equestrian traffic within the Access Area on such route as may be agreed by the parties, acting reasonably, and in the event of their failure to agree as may be determined by an independent chartered surveyor appointed by the president or next most senior officer for the time being of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in Scotland; Declaring that the Purchaser acknowledges that the pathway to be constructed on the Access Route shall be used by the general public.