

# ST NINIANS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST LIMITED

## Minute of the Meeting of the St Ninians Community Development Trust held on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2009 at 7.00 pm in the Mayfield Centre.

1. **Present: Directors** - Maureen Allan, Murray Dickie, Alison Hall, Sharon Heggie, Carole Mooney, Pat Mooney, **In attendance** – Andy Davies, **Apologies:** Jim Docherty, Steven Heggie, Pat Mooney and Patricia Ward.
2. **Minute of the Previous Meeting:** This was agreed as an accurate record.
3. **Matters Arising:** None.
4. **Correspondence:** Annual Report received from OSCR (noted)
5. **Companies House:** The Annual Return of Directors is required before the 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2009. The current Directors List is – Maureen Allan, Ian Brown, Murray Dickie, Jim Docherty, Alison Hall, Sharon Heggie, Steven Heggie, Carol Mooney, Pat Mooney, Isabella Laird and Patricia Ward.
6. **Scottish Charities Commissioner:** Annual report accepted.
7. **Membership and Directors Papers:** No changes.
8. **Bank Account Update:** Secretary to check with bank to ensure that new signatories have been added.
9. **Update on Current Projects:**
  - a. **Stirling High School Garden Project:** Phases one and two (polytunnel and outside raised beds) have been completed by a partnership of British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, Friends of Beechwood Park, Sons of the Rock, and Stirling Council, Stirling High School, St Ninians Trust and Torbrex Community Council. Sadly, vandals had broken into the garden at the weekend and set fire to the polytunnel. Vigilant neighbours called the fire brigade and police and the fire damage was limited. Sufficient timber remains to repair the raised bed in the tunnel and estimates are being undertaken of repairs to frame and polythene cover. The vandals had been caught on the school's CCTV system and it was hoped that they could be identified. The head teacher had indicated the intention to repair the damage as soon as possible in order to get the tunnel back into operation. Members were shocked at the damage and indicated their support for the school in restoring the polytunnel.
  - b. **Tubs Project:** Sharon reported that Steve had undertaken a weeding programme and that some of the tubs required new plantings. Ian Brown indicated that he had received an approach from an interested firm with respect to sponsoring the project. In addition, local residents were undertaking work on and providing plants for the tubs at the end of their streets. Ian was asked to follow up the offer and Murray was asked to investigate the acquisition of small plaques. Murray agreed to liaise with Stirling High School regarding raising seedlings for summer transplanting – Steve will advise varieties wanted. Steve has a form for funding from Stirling Council Heritage Fund – Ian will liaise with Stirling Council staff and the Community Council on this.

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- c. **Give it a Go:** The Trust had received a grant of £1,000 from Stirling Council to fund the production of publicity materials for this event – the afternoon open day to enable local residents to visit and try out the community Facilities of the new Stirling High School. 167 local residents had visited and the feedback was very positive. Active Stirling and Stirling Council are examining the detailed feedback with a view to offering classes from January 2010 and then developing these to offer a full programme from 6.30 pm to 10.00 pm, Monday to Friday.
- d. **Freepost License:** The license is due for renewal. Torbrex Community Council had used the license to support the Beechwood Park Masterplan consultation, which had been very successful. They have agreed to meet the £91.50 costs of renewal as they wish to use it again for a joint consultation with Kingspark Community Council on possible boundary changes to their council areas. It was agreed to renew the license.

## 10. New Projects:

- a. The Lidl tubs project is delayed until the spring due to holdups in completing the polytunnel at Stirling High School.
- b. It is hoped to begin the third phase of the Stirling High School Garden project (orchard with Scottish fruit trees and soft fruit bushes) in the spring of 2010. Staff from Stirling Council are exploring a 50% grant from the Forestry Commission to help with this.
- c. Ian Brown indicated that there was to be an open meeting on the issue of new allotments. It is hoped that there might be the possibility of one in our area.
- d. Following the success of this year's event, there had been considerable support for the proposal to hold an extended environmental fair in conjunction with the AGM of the Trust. Murray will draft an initial invitation and circulate it for comments. This would be sent out in December 2009, with a follow up letter in January 2010.

11. **Pre-Planning Meeting for Fair and AGM:** It was agreed to use the January meeting to complete the pre-planning of the 2010 fair.

## 12. Any Other Competent Business:

- a. **Community Planning:** Andy Davies reminded members that their Community Plan, produced in 2004, is now a bit elderly. The Community Planning Area Forum 5 had developed a local community plan covering the areas of Borestone, Broomridge, Cambusbarron, Kingspark and Torbrex Community Council – loosely based on the work done by the Trust. Many of the items in both plans have been overtaken, particularly in terms of transport, community facilities, health and environment. The Community Planning Forum was now looking to develop a new plan and were interested to know whether the Trust wished to develop a new, separate plan or wished to work in partnership with the Forum to develop a joint plan. Following discussion, it was agreed that the benefits of a joint plan were such that it was a clear favourite. Andy agreed to relay this information to the Forum at its next meeting.

13. **Dates of Next Meetings:** The next meetings of the Trust will be held at 7.00 pm on Mondays, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in the Mayfield Centre and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010 (AGM) in Stirling High School.