

Aberfeldy Development Trust Meeting

30th October 2023

Beyond Adventures Office

Time 7.30pm

Agenda

Present: Graeme Forsyth, Mary McDougall, Sally Murray, Helen Stockham, Graham Findlay (FLS), Chris Birt, Gill Steele, Adam Hobson

Apologies: Carol Laing

- 1. Welcome and apologies**
- 2. Approve previous minutes.** Approved
- 3. Forestry Land Scotland, Graeme Findlay (Planning Manager)**
 - FLS review land management plans every ten years- this is a published document that outlines plans and licensing requirements.
 - About to start review process for Glassie & Dull Forest
 - Process includes: internal information gathering and policy review, public scoping (stakeholders, neighbours, agencies etc contacted by letter and ideas gathered from communities), design process then feedback for final comments and submission to regulator
 - Keen to hear what people think is important at the moment, opportunities for hydro schemes/forest schools etc.
 - Consultation timeline TBC
 - Standard tools- posters, website, letters, public engagement events over approx 1 month for scoping. Consultation of 3-4 weeks for draft land management plan.
 - Examples of communities leasing land, management carried out by community with lease in place. Different levels of community involvement possible- community asset transfer, community management agreements, community involvement in planning, potential for long term lease agreements etc
 - River Tay is the key driver for land management plans in area
 - FLS welcome suggestions/ideas from communities
 - ADT ideas include hydro scheme, woodland crofts, huts for accommodation
 - Scottish Govt are looking for key issues of biodiversity, water & climate change in land management plans.
 - FLS employment opportunities, skills for young people, apprenticeships etc, but also limited by lack of housing for FLS employees.
 - **Action: GF to send map of area to ADT. HS to submit ideas for land & list of other potential stakeholders (Healthiest Town, Upper Tay Paths Group)**
 - **ADT to invite comments/ideas to feed into FLS- HS/SM to progress**
- 4. Previous Action Update**
 - Identity Checks for Directors. with Mitchell's solicitors- **ACTION: GF/SM/GS to hand ID/paperwork to Mitchells.**

- ADT to club together to give Izzie B and husband Ballintaggart voucher as wedding present. Action: CL
- **SM to submit confirmation statement to Companies House**
- HS to find out process and deadlines for RHF stage 2. Made contact. no response as yet
- CB to draft briefing note for John Swinney on Moness position. Completed
- HS to submit EOI for CAP- Completed. Working on application

5. Prospective Site Developments

- **Slaughterhouse Site**
 - Additional flood work to take place Monday 30th October- **HS to follow up for update from CHT**
 - Update from meeting with CHT/SLF
 - Updates received from PKC- unlikely to be conditions on sale of land
 - Application needed for SLF
 - Culvert coped with recent flooding
- **Duntaylor/Ballinluig**
 - No update from Hillcrest/PKC
- **Nursery/Forest School**
 - No further update on site. Discussions with landowner continue

6. ADT approach to Moness purchase

- Directors met with John Swinney MSP 27th October. JS is highly supportive of the aims of ADT. Advised to contact local councillors about Moness concerns.
- Action CB: Amend existing brief and send to local cllrs, along with invitation to meet to discuss.**
- Awaiting results of Community Council opinion survey
- ADT position is to highlight risks to local housing with change of use at Moness.

7. CAP update

- EOI submitted
- Action AH: Review draft application and send comments to HS**

8. Financial Overview

- Invoice update
- Accounts due May 2024- discussion on professional services needed.
- **Action: HS to contact SSE re interim report**
- Core costs to be included in funding applications

9. Friends of Wade's Bridge Update

- Meeting took place end September. Low attendance but group keen to take forward
- Follow up meeting to be booked in to discuss roadmap for developing Friends group
- Funding applications would go through ADT along with any future subscriptions

10. Influencing Policy

Live consultations are:

- Tay Forest National Park
- Consultation on proposals for enhancing the accessibility, adaptability and usability of Scotland's Homes. No further action needed

11. AOB



- AGM March 2024. GF to review previous requirements
- HS to confirm will web developer about membership list- ask IB re. form data
- Participatory budgeting/heat project
- - £20k community led project PKC, community will vote on projects to be funded
 - feasibility study for hydro scheme? **SM to submit application bid**
 - **HS to invite Elizabeth Leighton and Anna Warm Connections to next meeting**
- - link to Innovate funding
- Confirmation Statement Deadline 02/11/23
- Wind turbine discussion- opportunity for revenue stream
- Innovate Funding Project update
- Grandtully Community buy out of village shop- GF to attend community council meeting

12. Time & date of next meeting

- 27th November 7.30pm @Beyond Adventures