

Aberfeldy Development Trust Meeting

28th April 2025

Beyond Adventures Office

Time 7.00pm

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies. Apologies from Graham Forsyth.

2. Meeting with Mark Brennan, Shared Ownership Manager, Local Energy Scotland

Mark Brennan gave ADT an introduction to the work of LES and CARES.

Information, guidance and resources are available on the LES website, with a regular newsletter. **LF to sign ADT up for newsletter.**

Shared Ownership Introductory session held online on 1st May - **ADT members to attend.**

CARES fund has just been renewed, and funding specific to community funding generation has been made.

There is an emphasis on developers to seek shared ownership with communities, and should be receptive to approaches. Shared ownership is distinct from Community benefit.

CB to contact Dunkeld & Birnam Development Trust to see if interested in meeting.

3. Approve previous minutes. Minutes approved.

4. Previous Action Update

- CL to contact Sarah Brown re. legal advice on trading subsidiaries. Meeting set up with Sarah Brown. **Actioned.**
- SM to ask CHT for contacts of other DTs with this experience. CHT suggested MICT as a good example. **LF to contact General Manager at MICT.**
- CB to contact Breadalbane, AH to contact Grandtully re. name generation. This was actioned, but primary schools felt the children would not be connected with this issue, and it may be better to find other input. Renaming the site is a priority. **ALL to continue thinking about a new name.**
- CB to draft letter to other trusts on local lettings policy. **Actioned.**
- CB to draft Local Housing Strategy. **Carried.**
- CB to contact JF to ask about private lenders and possibility of purchase. **Actioned.** Discussion followed on Fisher's Way and the reasons why CHT leading on this, and not ADT. **CB to ask CH (PKC) the background to CHT/Fisher's Way**

- CB to write to PKC and request meeting re. additional funding. AH has contacted PKC to find out more on the CLLD. **LF to contact Laura at PKC to ask about CLLD funding.**

5. Prospective Site Developments

- **Slaughterhouse Site**
 - Update from CHT circulated.
 - Guthrie land will be concluded by 30th April.
 - Small parcel of land with unknown ownership, but this will not delay purchase.
 - Design team met on the 16th April to discuss feasibility of alternative access routes.
 - Next meeting 27th May at 10am. **Ask GF if he wishes to attend.**
 - £80K interest free loan funding available for slaughterhouse site development/obtaining consents. CH (PKC) preparing offer.
 - SSE application funding meeting changed to in-person meeting on 5th June at Camserney Hall. CB to attend.
 - JF (CHT) advised that if support needed with local letting policy, Helen at CHT can provide templates.
- **Forestry Land/Woodland Crofts**
 - ADT met with local Forestry Consultant, Rob McAllan, from Strathbraan Croft to discuss and view the proposed site for CAT.
 - Rob advised that the site is viable with the potential to request CAT for block of commercial forestry. These two pockets are an isolated block and have potential for crofts site and commercially owned community woodland.
 - Additional income from commercial site may offer resolution to water course issues.
 - PKC to write policy.
 - Next stage for ADT is to consider a feasibility study, and seek funding to support this.
 - **LF to contact John at CHT and Rob McAllan to arrange meeting to discuss feasibility.**

6. CAP update

- GS attended the Aberfeldy CC with draft Local Place Plan (LPP) for input.
- Requested feedback by 6th May.
- If approved, LPP will move to next stage, a formal consultation period with all contiguous local community councils invited to respond. This consultation period will include inviting input from the community. **LF to schedule in next steps.**

7. Financial Overview

- Current Position - £7,800 - £4k accounted for.
- Current funding applications:
 - **LF to contact CLLD re. available funding for delivery of CAP.**
 - ADT's application to the Enchanted Forest Fund was refused. Letter received 26th April. No feedback was given.
 - **CL to email Victor at Aberfeldy CC re. fund**

8. AOB

- AH is keen for ADT to explore social lenders, e.g. BIG Issue, Social Investment Scotland. **AH to contact and report back at next meeting.**

Local development plan - focus on this as leverage

HP ward would be demarcated, high pressure zones, can create areas, with higher developer contribution.

last census showed every ward had growing population apart from HP

Raise with

Key points to target tourism and LDP

short term let control zone - letter quoted on multiple occasions

more promotion

Quair - social media, newsletter,

CHT -

3-4 community meetings

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CC - tuesday 3rd Community Council meeting, Adam to go along to the meeting. ADT update

Strathtay - can we come along to talk re. mid atholl

Adam and Gill to come along update.

9. Time & date of next meeting

- Monday 26th May @Beyond Adventures