

Aberfeldy Development Trust Meeting

30th June 2025

Beyond Adventures Office

Time 7.30pm

MINUTES

- **Welcome and apologies** – apologies from CL and CB
- **Update from John re. Slaughterhouse and SLF/Glassie feasibility**
 - JF gave update on Slaughterhouse site. Discussed press release on the land acquisition. Decision to link this to the SSE grant. JF to contact the Guthrie family to request that we thank them in press release.
 - Pre-planning application has been sent around ADT trustees for comment. GF noted that the pre-app does not mention the access route to the site and the alternative access investigations that have taken place. Trustees agreed that transparency is required, and the pre-app needs to describe the investigations that have taken place, and justification for the current proposal.
 - It will be important to speak to the Appin residents again once the pre-app has been responded to.
 - CHT has worked with PKC and SG to submit a stage 1 application for the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund for £300k
 - Site clearance is required once bird nesting season is over.
 - SSE Renewables grant has been awarded, with a press embargo. LF to email Cassie at SSE to coordinate press release.
 - Trustees discussed timescales, with a view to explore CLLD funding in 26-27. This year's fund was undersubscribed. ADT were not eligible to apply this year for the slaughterhouse site as we do not yet have all consents in place.

Woodland Crofts site Glassie

- JF at CHT has had discussions with SLF and the next stage to move things forward would be to get a valuation of land. This is needed to better understand the scale of the project before commencing further discussion with SLF.
- SLF would not support the project if the primary objective is to purchase the commercial forest. SLF would fund the housing and crofting part. It will be crucial to demonstrate the community benefit from the commercial forestry – what will the community get out of this?
- Next step is to complete the Forestry Land Scotland's CATS form. This will po
- Catoe Brown will assist CHT to review the viability of site free of charge.

Donolly

- The trustees discussed the feasibility of Dunolly House now that it is for sale again.
- Any further action would depend on the seller and if they are willing to wait until ADT could get funding in place. John at CHT will contact DM Hall to explore the possibility.

- AH was approached about land in the centre of Aberfeldy with potential for development. AH will continue to discuss this further with the owner. SM will enquire about the adjacent land to see if there is potential to increase the size of the plot to make it viable.

- **Approve previous minutes**

Minutes approved

- **Previous Action Update**

Trustees reviewed the action tracker, and updated actions.

- **CAP update**

- LF will contact the CAP steering group to discuss plans for a 'Community Forum' as mentioned in the CAP.
- LF has been working on a workplan for the CAP actions.
- **Local Place Plan** - LPP consultation started on 26th June and will run to the 23rd July. ADT has fulfilled its regulatory requirements and has sent the draft LPP to local elected members and all adjacent community councils. The community has also been asked to review and comment on the draft, and have been notified via social media and printed media.

- **Financial Overview**

- Trustees were update on the current financial position.
- Current funding applications – active funding applications are the RCGF for £300k, and Quaker Trust for £6k.

- **AOB**

- Meeting confirmed for the 28th July with Cllr McEwen, Housing & Social Wellbeing Convener, following the joint letter from ADT and DBDDT.
- GF to draft a typology for community housing.

- **Time & date of next meeting**

- Monday 28th July @Beyond Adventures