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**KEIR, PENPONT & TYNRON DEVELOPMENT TRUST Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 11 January 2018 in Keir Village Hall.**

**PRESENT:** Sue King-Smith (Tynron), Maureen Halkett (Keir), Mizzy Marshall (Penpont), Chris Shirley (Keir), Joyce Gibson (Penpont), Caroline Buck, (Keir), Tim Simmonds (Penpont), Sue Hall (Tynron), Frank Skachill (Keir), Irene Haining (Penpont),Alison Foggie (Keir), Linda McDonald (Tynron), Hamish Wilson (Keir), Jackie Buckham (Tynron), Margaret Gray (Tynron), Mary Newbould (Tynron), Hilary Osborne (Tynron), Neil McKay (Penpont), Stephen Price (Tynron).

1. **WELCOME:** Sue K-S welcomed everyone to the meeting. She intimated to the meeting that Paul Markwell (Penpont) has resigned from the Broadband Sub-group. The group are very appreciative of the work done by Paul in gathering and disseminating very complex information. If he finds any further information he will pass on to Joyce.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Hilary Parke (Penpont), Katy Coltart (Tynron). Sue K-S informed the meeting that Katy was moving from the area so would no longer be able to be part of the Dev. Trust. We wish Katy well in the future.
3. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Proposed by Caroline, seconded by Mizzy.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
   1. **E-mails:** meeting agreed that ‘cc’ is fine for e-mails to or within the Trust.
5. **REPORTS FROM SUB-GROUPS:**

**5.1: LEGAL FRAMEWORK:**

**5.1.1: MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION: 4. Objects: 4.1** the meeting agreed to insert ‘sustainability and employment’ between ‘including’ and ‘the’. **7. Powers:** the main issue was the management of community land (a) and should this include the buying of land but this is covered in (h). **16. Qualification for membership:** it was agreed there was no need for a clause relating to membership of the JCBF. **31. Minimum number of members:** 20 – **Still to be agreed**. **60. Quorum for general meetings and for directors’ meetings (110):** 5. Agreed. **78. Maximum/minimum number of directors:** 12. (Up to 12 member directors and no more than 4 co-opted directors). **80. Minimum number of directors:** 6 – each community to be represented by a minimum of 2 (member) directors. **88. Election, retiral ,re-election: Member Directors:** delete ‘after one year’.

**5.1.2: SUBSCRIBERS:** Signatories: Hilary Parke for Penpont, Robert Gladstone for Keir and Jackie Buckham for Tynron. Document will be completed and sent round for signing before being sent to Companies House. **Action: Maureen.**

**5.1.3: MEMBERSHIP & AGM:** a membership form will be produced and circulated as widely as possible. It was suggested that once we reach a certain number of members, the first AGM could be organised – **to be agreed.**

**5.2: BROADBAND/COMMUNICATIONS:**

**5.2.1: UPDATE:** the sub-group has not been able to meet since Paul resigned. Tynron now has superfast broadband within the village. Joyce reported on the response from the Scottish Government regarding Marrburn exchange which is based on ‘strict value for money’ with the upgrade due by 2020/2021. Chris has been investigating the planning applications for the green boxes and has also contacted Open Reach with little success. Mary offered to speak to her contact to try and get some clarification. Alternative solutions for the Scaur Glen was also discussed, e.g. bouncing signals etc. As there is so much happening with Broadband at the moment, it was decided to wait 6 months and see if we need to do anything.

**5.2.2: PROJECT**: The Hotspot idea for the three village halls was agreed to be taken forward. The sub-group to bring costings etc. to the next meeting. **ACTION: Tim, Broadband Sub-Group.**

**5.3: PATHS:**

**5.3.1: - UPDATE**: Sue H. reported that the Big Walk on 28 November was cancelled. The group are now planning to walk from Penpont to Keir and return on **Wednesday 17 January, 10.00am.,** the purpose of this walk to check the accessibility of the path for everyone. Everyone welcome. This will be the preamble for checking out other paths in the area. The sub-group also plan a facebook page (see 7.2 Publicity). Sue H has also got 2 leaflets – Outdoor Access Code and information for dog owners. These are to be distributed throughout the area, including halls, self-catering houses etc.

**6.** **OTHER PROJECTS:**

**6.1: USE OF VILLAGE HALLS/DEVELOPMENT OF A HUB:** Following on from the discussion around Courthill Smithy at the last meeting, it was suggested that a sub-group be formed to look at the feasibility of developing a hub which would complement the three village halls. Hilary Osborne, Sue K-S and Maureen showed interest at the meeting. An e-mail will be sent round asking for interested people to participate.

**6.2: MARRBURN HYDRO:** Neil McKay (Penpont) gave background information and the current position of the proposed hydro scheme on the Marrburn in Penpont. He and Irene of Penpont Community Council have taken this as far as they can and Neil feels a fresh look should be taken. It has been suggested that the hydro scheme could generate around £13,000 per year for the community. A sub-group should be set up to look at this. (To be included in e-mail).

**6.3: OTHER PROJECTS:** Sue K-S asked the meeting if there are other projects which should be looked at. Mary raised the issue of affordable housing. An e-mail asking for interested people to be sent round.

**7. PUBLICITY:**

**7.1**: **WEBSITE:**  Hilary P has been working on the website and has asked that a temporary sub-group be set up so that decisions on the design and initial content can be made. Linda, Sue H, Margaret and Tim to work with Hilary. She also asked for some summery photos. Irene offered to supply. Maureen will contact Hilary to let her know.

**7.2: FACEBOOK:** It was agreed to re-brand the JCBF facebook page to the KPT Development Trust. **ACTION:** **Tim.**

**7.3:** It was agreed that an e-mail/ newsletter giving an update of the progress of the Development Trust be sent round, also asking for people to get involved in sub-groups. **ACTION: Sue K-S and Maureen.**

**8. FINANCE:**

After the last meeting Robert applied to the three Community Councils for £100 each to support the work of the Development Trust and the Sub-groups. Each CC has agreed. Mary suggested that the money could be held and distributed by the JCBF at the present time. Agreed.

**9. A.O.C.B.:**

It was agreed that all Development Trust meetings are open to all within the three communities.

**10. Date and Place of Next Meeting: Monday, 26 February 2018, 7.30pm – Tynron Hall.**