

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)

Charity No: SC047890

Minute of Members Meeting held on 20th March 2018

Apologies: John Mitchell, Rita Craig

Welcome – Chair welcomed everyone to our 3rd members meeting

Minutes of previous members meeting proposed by **Graham Struthers**, seconded by **Tracy Gibson**

No matters arising

Thanks to Coal Fields Regeneration Fund, we purchased a projector, this will help keep our cost low, as we will present the agenda and previous minutes on the large screen at our meetings, however we will still provide a copies electronically via email and on our webpage

Finance Report – Treasurer (Philip Grivell) provided a verbal update on our current financial position

Council Budget 8.03.2018- impact on Civic Centre at this point Chair invited Councillor Darren Lee to the address TCDT members (no other elected members were present). **DL** shared that he has been advised that staff have been trained to support the process of Community Asset Transfer (CAT). He also shared his concerns in respect of the time frame suggested by the Council Chief Officer - 1 September 2018. If community ownership is not in place then the Civic centre will close.. He advised that Conservative and Labour ward elected members could put forward a motion against the progression. **TG** asked “what will happen if TCDT don’t take ownership? - DL advised the civic centre would be “mothballed” and eventually sold off.

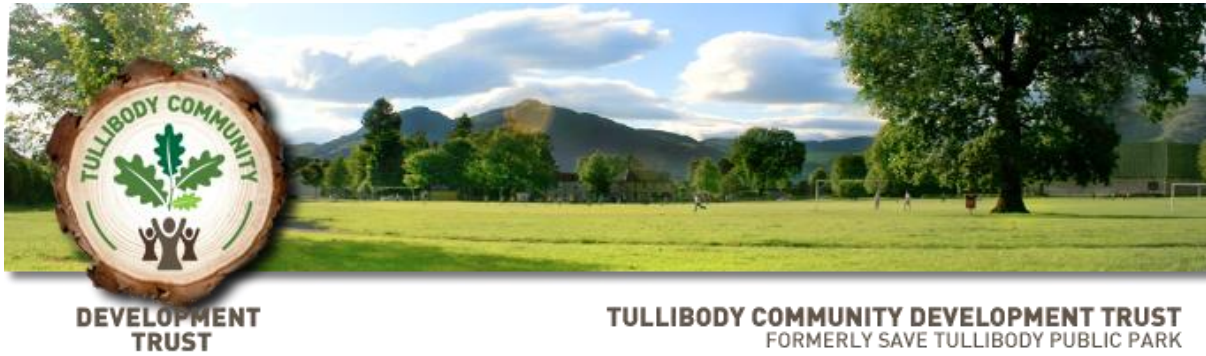
Other questions and comments from members at the meeting:

Who can support us with a Business Plan?,

Would the Council out the playing fields into “Fields in Trust”?(this process was discussed when Tullibody Action Group (TAG) was setup as a campaign group to save Tullibody park and community facilities. The Council are no longer pursuing this. It will be an action for TCDT in the foreseeable future.

What will it Cost ?

User Profile could be developed to support our aims?



Funding updates and securing professional services.

Secretary (JG) explained the process relating to Expression of Interest, Community Asset Transfer (CAT) referring to Asset Transfer Road Map

<http://www.dtascommunityownership.org.uk/sites/default/files/Asset%20transfer%20route%20map%20web.pdf>

Chair (JMcG) followed this up with an overview of the process we have been going through in order to prepare and submit Stage 1 application to Scottish Land Fund. We need to secure funding to enable the Trust to conduct an architect's feasibility study, a condition (of the Centre) survey, a valuation of the Civic Centre (park and car park) and create a business and marketing plan.

Once we have achieved this we would then be able to submit a formal application to Clacks Council to progress Community Asset Transfer of the Civic Centre and surrounding green space.

Summary of meetings / workshops Trustees have attended

Since our last members meeting Trustees have been attending a variety of meetings and training workshops. 3 Trustees participated Knowledge and Confidence workshop relating to taking over community facilities, meetings with support staff from Development Trusts Association Scotland, Scottish Land Fund advisor. During February and March we also with local elected members and MSPs to raise our profile with them and ask for their support to keep the Civic Centre open and allow us a realistic time frame before the community takes on the running of the centre.

New Web site. - **PG**, introduced the new website giving brief overview and advised that it will be developed as the Trust grows

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Trustee CW- emphasised the need to share and spread the word that the TCDT is trying to save and improve local facilities otherwise we risk losing a much needed centre and green space which services all generations of our community. **Charlie** also welcomed ideas and suggestions from members as to how we better engage with the people of Tullibody, Cambus & Glenochil. Suggestions included posters, leaflets in shops, if possible using bus stops or any place people go GP & dentist surgeries, in addition to social media as not everyone has access. We provide regular updates for our local newspaper.

Date of Next Members Meeting:

Tuesday 22May 7pm Gallery Viewing Room, Civic Centre Tullibody