

# **Penicuik Community Development Trust**

## **Draft Minutes of Committee Meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

**In Penicuik Town Hall, 7.30 pm**

### **Attending:**

Barrie Corlson, Jack McGowan, Chantal Geoghan, Doreen Gillon, Julian Hall, Roger Hipkin, Ulla Hipkin, Mose Hutchison, Jane Kelly, Roger Kelly, Eric Marchant

### **1 Apologies**

Ian Brebner, Jane Mackintosh, Bill Fearnley, Colin McColl

### **2 Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

Proposed by Roger Hipkin, seconded by Roger Kelly.

### **3 Matters Arising**

#### **3.1 Cinema.**

The funding bid for projection equipment was successful and £5000 will be awarded by the end of the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> August. This is £750 short of the bid and original price of the equipment. However, the price has since dropped by £270, leaving a shortfall of £480. To cover this, Chantal will be applying for a "Community cash-back" award from the Royal Bank of Scotland and it was agreed that the remainder will be covered by the Trust.

Roger Kelly has nominated the Cinema for "Best new group" in the British Board of Film Societies awards.

It was noted that an end-of-grant report would have to be written with respect to the start-up award from Midlothian Council.

There was discussion on what could be done to improve awareness of the Cinema's activities. Chantal, Mose and Jack would see Colin McCall with the aim of obtaining publicity via Black Diamond Radio. Roger Kelly will investigate the costs of a front page advert or insert in the Town Crier. The full report on the Cinema's activities to date will be placed on the Trust website by Julian Hall.

#### **3.2 Open House Programme**

A programme has been fixed until mid-October. This will include contributions from other organisations.

#### **3.3 Penicuik Arts Festival**

The cost of programmes was covered by funds carried over from last year and payments for entries from performers and artists.

#### **3.4 Gardens Competition**

It was decided that it was too late in the year to run the competition this year but to do so next year.

#### **3.5 High School event**

This will take place between 12:30 and 15:30 on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Roger Kelly will attend.

#### **3.6 Summer picnic**

The summer picnic was a great success and thanks to Barrie were recorded.

### **3.7 AOB**

A letter of support to those campaigning against the threat to Loanhead Town Hall was sent to Loanhead and District Community Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

The issue of the recently-announced “Harmonisation Charges” for the letting of all Midlothian Council facilities was discussed at length. The increase in costs represented by these charges threatens the viability of both the Saturday Open House and the Cinema. A draft document reacting to these changes in charges was circulated and it was agreed that, once comments on this document by members of the Steering Committee had been received, it would be sent to Muirhead and Trevor Muir of Midlothian Council, as well as all local Councillors, Community Councils and Gorebridge Community Development Trust. If this document does not yield a satisfactory response from Midlothian Council, a rather harder hitting response would be made.

### **4 Tourism and improving Penicuik’s appearance**

Regarding the poor state of the railings in the vicinity of Beeslack, a letter to Trevor Muir of Midlothian Council resulted in a reply from Ricky Moffatt suggesting that the remainder of the railings will be replaced in two stages.

#### **4.1 Town Centre Planning Application**

There has, effectively, been a planning application for two take-away food outlets opposite St Mungo’s church. A letter opposing the application for a “change of use” for the two shops (whose planning application passed without comment from the Trust) was sent by Roger Kelly at the end of July. It was agreed to wait for a reply and then, if necessary, act in coordination with the Penicuik Community Council who also oppose the planning application.

#### **4.2 Organisation and aims**

The “Vision for Penicuik” group to be convened by Roger Kelly with the aim of considering the town’s open spaces, street furniture etc. has not yet met. Roger Kelly was re-reminded.

### **5 Penicuik Directory**

Nothing has been done.

### **6 Any Other Business**

Updates to the list of steering committee members’ contact details were circulated. The need for an alternative insurance policy to cover the projection equipment as well as public liability was discussed.

### **7 Date of Next Meeting**

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008

Julian Hall 21<sup>st</sup> September 2008