

JBCCT Board Meeting
Thursday 1st Feb 2024 at 7pm
At the Johnstonebridge Centre

Members Present:

David Johnstone
Julia Barnard
George Muirhead
John Graham
Billy Lockhart
Shelby Watson
Kevin Bennison
Noel Howson
Kirsty Sloan

In attendance:

Helen Thornton (Admin)
Katie Nairn (consultant)

Minutes:

1	<u>Welcome and Apologies</u> David welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies- Wendy Telford	Action
2	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> The previous minutes of 14 th December were proposed by George Muirhead , and Seconded by Billy Lockhart. –Regarding the minutes on Remembrance Sunday Billy requested that we try to arrange a minister for 2024 and involve the school children if possible.	HT
3	<u>Rural housing update</u> No information from Wheatley Homes over January, phone calls and emails have been sent over with no reply, on the estate side of the project they have also had no response from anyone on the project. However, there were plans to involve the school children when the restructuring of the woodland takes place.	
4	<u>Treasurers Report</u> The accounts document was looked over by all and no questions were raised about the document, but it was discussed that running costs are high and in the future, a multi-year grant may be the way forward for admin wages.	
5	<u>Report on Centre Activity (HT)</u> Electricity bills remain high and our contract is up in March, Helen has contacted some brokers and emailed David before making a decision. Octopus energy has come out the best and Helen is to start the changeover. We have a potential new ongoing booking ‘kickboxing’ but need to wait for a space to open up before we can get them in the hall.- we have also heard they may go to Templand. Christmas lights were taken down 31/01/24 two of which were slightly damaged in the high winds. Roof tiles have been looked over and fixed, all guttering was cleared of leaves at the same time.	HT

	Music night – Valentines disco is set for the 16th of February 7.00-11pm Bar and DJ £2.00 per person proceeds to go on to the next event. Balance and mobility 11-week course is running well with 8 attending first week and 13 this week. D & G ARTS have added us to their festival list and we have a booking in for the Willow trio 29th May .	
6	Funding Cladding refresh lettering and bin <u>£2817.12</u> / End of year accounts <u>£1944.00</u>/Solar plan and battery storage - <u>£12,000</u> (total project £37740.37+ insurance) - Have all been approved. The second solar panel application has gone in with ANCBC for £13000 (board meeting 16/5/23. £12740.37 remains to be applied for (Clyde dead line application 5/07/24 panel meeting 3/9/24). Katie suggested that Minsca could be an option and it would save waiting on a funding deadline- Helen to make contact to see if it is a possibility. Funding for a Bouncy Castle, fan, and additional insurance has been put in through Minni gap response should be through after <u>8/July/24</u> Yarn bomber applied for a grant – Not everyone came back to approve so it's been brought for discussion. If approved Clyde Micro will have £13.59 remaining – the board are all in agreement that the grant should go ahead, it was also noted that the applicant does a lot for the village and that we are very lucky to have such talent willing to share. We have had issues with our stage lighting and sound for some time it has been glitchy for several years, and numerous people have looked over the equipment in the past. We have a contact who will come and help but we will require funding to simplify the system, we have put a grant in with D & G Arts for <u>£878</u> which will cover lighting and sound. The decision will be made by 9th Feb.	HT/KN
7	Current business A)Banking - We now have a debt card for the centre making online payments much easier. We have also requested that the Santander capital account be moved to a Bank of Scotland online account which will accrue interest and not charge fees as we are currently paying, huge thank you to Sue for finding and sorting – Some funds need to be moved to the revenue account as our account is low –The board agreed £10,000 to be moved to the revenue account. B)Field drainage - Helen to ring Jonny Sloan who will donate lime for us to spread on the field and spread using a salt spreader. (early spring) C) POD'S for the village – Helen had a Zoom call with SAC about a feasibility study, they said it would take some time to quote but they should be back in touch in early Feb with a price. D) Village gravel path – 4 Volunteers came on board to help with the path project in the village, it is 40% complete with donated timber lengths in place. We still need to cut and shape some lengths. It was suggested that there might be some gravel by the water wheel	HT HT

	that we could use if agreed by David, and the right vehicles available for moving the gravel. David agreed this was something he could help with. E) Village car Park and fence – Lynne Davis (councillor) got back in touch to say Wheatley Homes South is responsible for the fence from the houses up to the recycling bin and they have been instructed to remove the fence but they will not replace the fence. The fence after the recycling bin to the end of the pavement is the council, she has asked for the council to ascertain responsibility for this fence for possible works after a re-visit. We will continue to monitor any progress and chase if nothing has been done. F) Youth club items -A letter was brought to the meeting handing over all youth club items to the Trust, Shelby was asked to pass thanks on to Russ. G) Community project officer – Helen met with Beattock and Templand to see how we could progress this project. It was a very positive meeting, projects were discussed that could be pushed along with a CPO. Thoughts were a 24-hour contract with a self-employed person £15-£18. The next step is to circulate a job description that each village Council can add to and adjust, and to also look at the funding timetable to set a timeline. It was recognised that a line manager would be needed to ensure things were running well. The next meet-up will be February 19th 7.00pm Templand anyone from the trust is welcome to come along and add anything that might be of use. Helen to send out a reminder the week before. H) Phone box – Shelby passed on that Russ is making progress on the repairs. I) Foundation Scotland – The annual fund review is due and the services agreement between Foundation Scotland and JCCDT is also coming to an end on 1st March 2024. A meeting is to be held at the end of the month to discuss both areas. J) Pumpkin patch – Leftover timber lengths from the village path have been brought to the centre by John and George and will come in use for the pumpkin location, it was discussed that the pumpkins could be grown anywhere, spare allotment patch / back of Kirkbank, and then moved to the field on straw for people to pick at the event in Autumn. K) Community craft pop-up space – The trust hosted the first-weekend craft space on the 20th, 8 people attended but expect bigger numbers as not all could make the date. A second grant has been put in through the Micro grant scheme to help the event get on its feet, no attendees were interested in taking the lead with the group yet. Next meet-up is this Saturday attendees will pay a fee to help pay for room hire when the grant runs out. L) Crazy Golf – This project has not been looked into in detail yet, but a small online search was carried out and there are options for permanent/seasonal/changeable and movable available. More information to be gathered for the next meeting. M) National minimum wage April - Sue thought it wise to bring this to the board now so that it gives time for thought, NMW will rise to £11.44 in April 2024 (9.89% increase). To keep the centre wage in line it is best to review the wages – It was agreed at the meeting that this increase can be reflected in for the Admin/Manager role.	LDJ HT/LDJ HT
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8	AOB 1.Post office heating – The main building has been trying to keep heating costs down over winter, the post office space has been noted to have a potentially expensive wall heater. The heater needs to be assessed and if needed superseded with a new model that could simply plug in. 2.Photos of Johnstonebridge – A resident has asked if we could get people together to share old photos, talk about the history of the parish and surrounding area. Billy spoke of a book that had been compiled by the village council some years ago, with a lot of original documents, the book had sadly gone missing and attempts to locate the book had not been successful. It was agreed that we could do something and to ask residents via facebook. Katie also suggested having a section on the website sharing the history. 3.Easter event – Helen proposed that an easter event be held at the centre on the 30th March A local Ukulele player has said they would happily be part of the event for a £60 fee which he would donate to a mental health charity.	HT HT HT
	Date of Next meeting: 20th March 2024 - 7.00pm	