

Minutes of a  
**Management Committee Meeting**  
held at 9 The Green on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007.

Present: Diane Huddleston (Chair)  
Mary Graham (Deputy Chair/Secretary)  
Rob Wilkinson (Committee Member)  
John Archer (Administrator)

Ian MacGregor (D&G CLD)

Copies: Colin Muir (Treasurer)  
Paul Allan (Committee Member)  
Karen Anderson (D&G Community Learning and Development Worker)

Action

1. Apologies. Received from Colin and Paul.

2. Minutes of previous meetings (03/04/2006). Accepted. Diane stated that she had deferred wider distribution of the minutes from the last meeting as she felt that there might be some political significance attached to them given the impending elections. It was agreed that this had been a sensible approach and that the minutes of this meeting would be the first given wider circulation.

3. Matters arising.

These would be picked up with appropriate agenda items.

4. Accounts.

4.1 Colin was not present but had sent a statement noting that the accounts remained as expected in line with the previous meeting.

4.2 Ian had made enquires within D&G regarding the outstanding SLA. John had received an email sent on behalf of Rose Murdoch prior to the meeting suggesting dates for a meeting to discuss various issues. The email also expressed her support for the actions taken regarding the skatepark invoices. John would contact her to confirm a date and time.

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5. Current Activities.

5.1 Skatepark. See previous minute 4.2 regarding anticipated meeting with Rose Murdoch.

Ian had followed up on each of the actions attributed to him at the last meeting. He presented a copy of an email message identifying the equipment which had been ordered by Robert Lowther for the skatepark and agreed to try to arrange a meeting between Robert and Colin to review the financial considerations so far as it affected funds DECIDE held and for which it was

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responsible .

Action

John had written to the skatepark group in accordance with the decision at the last meeting identifying a deadline of 16:00 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May for resolving the Awards for All grant issues, copied to other interested parties and sent by recorded delivery. It was noted that all copies of the letter had been received except that sent to Councillor Marshall which had been returned. Nothing had been heard from the skatepark group and the issue must therefore be considered unresolved and the deadline yet to be met. In view of the limited time available Ian agreed to attempt to progress this through council resources. It was confirmed that at this stage the skatepark had not notified DECIDE of an authorised representative.

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A reply to a courtesy copy of the letter had received but had not been constructive and was in some senses offensive. It was not taken as representative of the skatepark group for the reasons detailed above.

Ian had advised Karen of the need for the meeting approximately a week before but as yet nothing further had been heard. He remained optimistic about getting all involved parties together with a view to completing the project and arranging a formal opening.

5.2 Waste Land. A disposition in favour of DECIDE and the community had been submitted to the Registers of Scotland. It had been returned with a request for additional information. Diane and John would progress this.

DH/JA

5.3 John would contact the Porridge to remind them of the idea for identification plaques for significant buildings although it was likely that DECIDE would need to progress this. Diane also suggested an Interpretation board which might be erected, subject to planning permission, on the waste ground.

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Ian mentioned that Langholm initiative had done similar work and suggested that they might be a useful source of information. He also suggested that costs might be met from an appropriate grant. Diane and John would pursue these suggestions

DH/JA.

6. Action Plan/Publicity Campaign.

6.1 A draft of the next issue of Grapevine should be available by the next meeting. All to submit content/contact advertisers as appropriate. Rob would provide something on his recent experiences as a 'commando trainee'.

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RW

7. AOB

7.1 The date of the AGM was confirmed as 8:00pm, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at DECIDE's office. John would contact Colin with details of the formal notification to be placed in the local newspaper.

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7.2 John advised that the DECIDE-online.org.uk domain name would expire soon. It was agreed that it should be renewed.

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8. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for 8:00pm Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at The Green, Eastriggs.

All