

Kinnesswood Development Trust (KDT) Directors Meeting 16th September 2024

At 9 Bishop Terr

Present: Alison Robertson, Norma Smith, Charlotte Mackinnon, Janice Hill

Apologies: Nicola Carmichael

Norma reported back on the meeting she and Sheladh Goudie attended with Portmoak church trustees and village hall committee on 16th September, where the main item for consideration was the number of parking spaces the church would need to retain to enable the church conversion to be viable for a developer. The current thinking is 6-8 spaces.

Alison has emailed Cath, a Portmoak and Orwell church session, to reassure her about the community right to buy (CrtB) procedure and the fact that it covers 100% of the parking places is merely strategic and our intention is to agree a mutually beneficial split of the car parking spaces. KDT are keen to progress with buying the car park directly from the Church of Scotland trustees. The CrtB is merely a safeguard but it is important to keep it in place as a safety net, as advised by Malcolm Strang-Steele.

Gary Gibson has kindly provided a surveyor to do a formal plan of the car park. We are waiting back for comments from an architect that this plan complies with planning regulations eg for required size of parking spaces. **Alison** will chase up response.

Janice is going to set up bank account with Bank of Scotland. We will have 4 signatories; Janice, Alison, Charlotte, Norma. We need this set up before we can apply for funding.

Scottish Land Fund (SLF) advisor is encouraging us to progress as fast as possible as their funding may only be available till April 2025. We will need 3 separate quotations to get SLF stage 1 funding (technical assistance grants of between £2,500 -£30,000 to cover evaluations, surveys and community engagement).

We need to investigate which lawyers to use to do the purchase and charges involved; **Charlotte** will approach Anderson's and ask whether they might give us a reduced rate as it's for the local community. She will also investigate another solicitor.

Alison will contact land agents to inquire about price of valuation of the car park.

Next quarterly meeting scheduled for Monday 2nd December but need to reschedule to try and date suits all directors.

