

ACTIONS - DALRY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HUB

Meeting of Trustees held on Tuesday 9th June 2015, 7.00pm
at the Turf Inn Meeting Room

Present:

Trustees

Lina Borwick, James McCosh (Chairman), Heather Grossart, Hamish Harkness, Stephanie Ross, Myra Sim, Hilary Storm (Secretary), Sheena Woodside (Treasurer)

In attendance

Alastair Adamson, Pat Andrews, Val Brown, Audrey Hillis

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1. Apologies for absence

Anne Bell, Nick Quick, Mary Gemmell

2. Minutes of previous Trustees meeting held on 19/01/15 and consideration of Public Meeting notes of 30/03/15

Proposed to accept by Heather Grossart, seconded by Myra Sim. Minutes accepted.

3. Matters arising not on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's review.

The Chairman made the following points:

- He confirmed that Dalry Community Development Hub (DCDH) was now officially registered with OSCR, the Scottish Charities Regulatory Body.
- DCDH now has a bank account, a website and a Facebook page.
- The intention was to continue to develop the Hub as representative of the Community of Dalry and to meet with and coordinate with any other organisations within the community for the benefit of Dalry.
- Community Windpower Limited
- Despite numerous requests by James McCosh, there had been no meeting with CWPL yet. He will continue with his endeavours. **JMcC**
- A meeting with Andrew Fraser, North Ayrshire Council, was due on 16th June to discuss the possible transfer of 22 Sharon St. **JMcC**

5. Lynn Glen

Last year, DCDH volunteers had carried out some clearing of the deteriorated path and cleared vegetation. Much repair was, however, still needed including drainage and the import of suitable material to renovate the paths.

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Survey work of the path had been undertaken thanks to the support of Audrey Hillis and Louise Kirk, Access Officer for North Ayrshire. Lina Borwick said that she had a long discussion with Louise Kirk this afternoon re the situation.

A number of issues require further investigation. There was information re potential funders, Ayrshire Leader in particular.

A proposal to be submitted, also opportunity for Woodlands in and around towns. LB added that Luke (Borwick) had arranged to meet Lesley Baird (technical expert) re two issues relate to bridges. A tractor would be needed for this work which includes the bridge near the car park. The structure there looks damaged and was dangerous. A structural engineer was needed. A report will be delivered by hand.

NB: Leader funding deadline is October and winter would be late and more expensive for such work.

Others to approach for funding include NAC, DPBT, and Be Green.

Hamish Harkness (HH) mentioned the problem of drainage. LB advised that this had already been mentioned in the report.

Costing was needed back from survey so DCDH could apply for funds without further delay.

It was noted that the plaque (Miss Archibald's) on the bridge had gone. Agreed that Louise Kirk be approached re this.

ACTION – JMcC will speak to Myra (?) re the archives.

JMcC

A query had been received asking who was responsible in the case of an accident on the path. The Dalry paths leaflet of 2011 talks of NAC. But Louise Kirk had given another view that landowners may be responsible.

Nick Quick had written to Hilary Storm (HS) re the state of the bridge.

HS

6. Dalry Railway Station Gardening Group

Hilary Storm had not been active with the group due to other commitments, though work was continuing thanks to a small group of dedicated volunteers. Application had been made by Ann Bell to CWPL bidding for funds to enhance the gardens via the Be Green shop. CWPL had, in response advised Anne to make application to DPBT.

It was agreed that Hilary Storm meet with Anne regarding the application and to find a good way to develop a plan and budget for the station gardening which would inform any such application.

7. Financial report

Sheena Woodside, reported that there had been no change from the previous meeting. There had been an over payment of £200 from NAC, but it had been

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agreed that this now be retained as end of financial year had passed.

Funds on account: £3893.66

Payment of sessional workers for young people's group was yet to be made, also the cost of room hire for tonight's meeting which was £10.

8. Reports on Young people's Sub Group including outcome of meeting held on 4th June

Audrey Hillis (AH) reported that survey work now finished and report expected at the end of the month. There had been a meeting arranged at Trinity Church last Tuesday, but only one person turned up. In retrospect, the venue on a sunny day was not inviting. No other venues had been available.

She had met with the John Hopkins new architect for the Scout Hall at Be Green re possibility of sharing facilities with the wider youth community in Dalry. £110K has been given from CWPL community benefits funds to renovate the building which would make a huge difference to this dilapidated facility. There is scope for long term rental of space for youth activities there. The building is used by the Scouts on only three days per week. This would be a good opportunity for working together.

AH had also consulted with youth worker Gary.

Alistair Adamson (AA) queried change in promises from CWPL. £190K had originally been promised. AH was prepared to work with the present situation in this respect.

Lina Borwick (LB) asked Stephanie Ross (SR) if the proposed developments for the Scout hall might suit young people. SR thought they probably would.

AA asked whether the scouts were hoping to get a number of other organisations interested to use the place.

AH added that there was a skills development worker working alongside too to help shape up activities that would be relevant for young people.

LB informed the meeting that the Guides had applied to CWPL for a second tranche of funding, this backed up with plans to expand, and further funding had been given to them.

AH stressed the need for consultation with the client group concerned with any funding application and mentioned Dalry Sports Club as an example.

AA added that it was not yet fully clear what the Sports Club were trying to achieve. Maybe they might be interested to use Scout Hut too.

Sheena Woodside (SW) had found another possible opportunity for young people - the Johnstone Casting building in Dalry Centre and had spoken with Gareth Wilson. There was some possibility but not this year.

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SW had also enquired about the old bank building and had spoken with Anthony Hume who suggested that the old Co-op building café maybe available for rent (sublet basis).

Timescale for Scout Hut renovations was likely to begin within two weeks.

AA pointed out that one of the funding conditions (of CWPL) was for the Scout Hall to be opened up to other groups.

9. Boundary issues affecting Dalry in relation to North Ayrshire plans for boundary changes

AA was very pleased that NAC has taken cognisance of what Catherine MacMillan and others had been saying on this issue.

He referred to Kelburn Wind Farm funding distribution of a few years back when Dalry did not benefit even though 12/14 wind turbines were visible to many people in Dalry. A boundary realignment had now been proposed. This new boundary would be applied to ward boundaries and the Kelburn Wind Farm would be back in Garnock Valley so there was a fair chance to receive Community Benefits.

AA Will write a report after the meeting with Andrew Fraser on 16 June.

Reference was also made to Community Councils which had disappeared in some places where Development Hubs exists. Community Councils are bound to consult as part of planning process and may cover wider areas. The interests of local communities still needed to be met and Hubs were focusing on this aspect.

10. Community Benefits update relevant to Dalry, i.e. funding from windfarm companies.

The fact that boundaries are likely to be more clearly defined was felt to help this issue.

How NAC involves itself in future would determine what would be available to Dalry.

The view was expressed that Planning issues should be separate from Community Benefit issues.

Reference was made to the guidance AA had circulated.

11. Brighten up Dalry Town Centre initiative

A progress report was given re replacement of bollards and communication with NAC re replanting of trees and also to consider possibility of tree planting for Roche Way (between Sharon St and North St/James St where there used to be rose beds).

AA cautioned that Hub should not take on work that other groups are responsible for.

LB advised that a letter should be written to the Community Council to ask whether they are considering these issues and the actions they are taking to resolve them.

ACTION – JMcC to write to Dalry Community Council on this issue and cc Councillors or bring up on the next CC meeting.

SW agreed to raise it at their next meeting on Thursday.

To follow up with a letter if necessary.

SW

12. ALVN (Ayrshire Voluntary Litter Network) - in relation to Dalry

Photo report shared & ALVN poster circulated to those present.

13. Any other Business

13.1. Dalry Community Sports Club

AH had met with local representatives. Plans exist for a skate park and funds are being sought for this. Plans circulated.

13.2. DCDH Secretary

Hilary Storm was planning to go on a six month sabbatical from September and gave her resignation as DCDH Secretary.

JMcC

Date of future meetings

Tuesday 18 August 2015

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm