

Lynn Glen Notes

Survey Information

As you are aware, the nature of the site means that access with materials is problematic. This will impact on the overall costs of materials. Outline costs for the material detailed in the survey have been provided below. Please note that the indicative costs provided below do **not** include:

- labour costs;
- the arboriculture works identified;
- vegetation management works identified;
- tensioning of fences;
- any additional costs due to the access limitations of the site; or
- any potential gabion/bridge works as the full extent of these are unknown. I am in the process of establishing whether or not this is something colleagues in Physical Environment Services are in a position to assist in determining.

It should be noted that a quantity of surface dressing stone is required along the length of the path and on some of the steps to address issues in relation to scour/general deterioration. The exact quantity of this is unknown but has been estimated as approximately 10 to 15 tonne for the purposes of this exercise. It is also important to note that Swinlees Quarry is closed at present therefore it may be difficult to locate the stone previously used for the path. Furthermore it would be beneficial if anti-slip paint was applied to the bridge decks. These points were discussed and agreed with the surveyor however they are not captured on the information provided.

Permission would also require to be obtained from the neighbouring landowners to take access across their land to deliver materials to site. The information provided below does not include. Estimates for the labour and arboriculture works could be obtained from suitably qualified, experienced and insured contractors.

Item	Outline Costs
Flexicoil or Wavycoil pipe	£40 to £60
Type One Stone	£400 to £450
Treated board	£20 to £30
Fence rails	£60 to £80
Sleepers	£30 to £50
Surface Dressing Stone	£300 to £350
Anti-slip paint and sundries	£100 to £150
Outline Totals	£950 to £1170

Potential Opportunities

As previously highlighted landowner permission is essential to allow improvements to be undertaken on the path and to obtain access to transport materials to the site. For a number of funders, written formal confirmation will be required. This could take the form of a simple letter for some funders or a formal agreement for others. The following outlines a few opportunities which are currently available for the Dalry Community Hub's consideration:

1. Community Outdoor Access Grant Scheme

The Council operates a small grant scheme for outdoor access related projects. This provides grants of up to £500 for eligible activities such as path maintenance, installation of new seating and signage and path improvements. The deadline for this has been extended to Friday 14 August 2015. This could cover a range of the costs identified in the survey. Volunteer time can be counted as an inkind contribution towards the overall project costs. Further information on the scheme is available from:

<http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/outdooraccess>

2. Woodlands In and Around Towns

As previously advised the WIAT scheme may provide a good fit for the Hub's aspirations in relation to the Glen. The site appears to be eligible from my initial investigation. This scheme can fund a range of activities including woodland management and path works. The management of the woodland would improve the site for both access and biodiversity so there could be a lot to be gained from applying to this scheme. This may not fund 100% of the activities required/proposed within the Glen and may require match funding. Funding may also be available for the future management of the woodland thereafter. Further information on this can be obtained from:

<http://scotland.forestry.gov.uk/supporting/strategy-policy-guidance/communities/woods-in-and-around-towns-wiat>

The production of a Woodland Management Plan is an essential stage in the application process. This would require the landowner's permission and agreement. An opportunity may be available to obtain some support in relation to this from an external organisation. Please let me know if this is of interest to the Hub and I can direct you accordingly. I will confirm whether or not the Hub could be the applicant in the meantime as it may require to be submitted by the landowner(s).

Access Officer
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