

DALRY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HUB

Dalry Community Development Hub *4th DCDH Public meeting - 24th November 2015* *Summary of issues discussed and actions agreed.*

Residents of Dalry had been invited to attend the 4th public meeting of Dalry Community Development Hub held at Rosearden at 7.00pm on 24th November 2015. There were 16 people present. The Chairman for the meeting was James McCosh.

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- **Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence**

The Chairman, James McCosh welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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- **Minutes of public meeting held on 30th March 2015**

These were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Hamish Harkness, seconded by Myra Sim.

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- **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

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- ***Reminder of the Issues tabled at 6th May 2014 meeting***

•A concern that, over the past couple of decades, the “Dalry Community” may have suffered from a lack of co-ordinated community involvement in many aspects of our community life and the upkeep of our community assets and facilities

•A desire to make Dalry a better place in which to live.

•To establish a Community Development Hub for the Parish of Dalry.

There is a need to identify potential sources of community funding, and a requirement to determine how a Hub can access and manage such funds for the betterment of the Dalry community and its assets.

- ***Reminder of the Actions agreed at 6th May 2014 meeting***

•Establish a Community Development Hub for the Parish of Dalry.

•Brighten up Dalry Railway Station with plants/flowers.

•Brighten up Dalry Town Centre.

•Lobby NAC to ensure that Community Council Boundaries of Dalry reflect the Parish/Post Code Boundaries.

•Resolve current issues regarding ownership and the ongoing repair and maintenance of the Lynn Glen walk, and other walks in Dalry.

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- Meet with Community Wind Power Ltd, and attempt to resolve the current impasse regarding Millour Hill community benefits and the perceived limitations imposed by the current method of managing and allocating the community benefits derived from the Dalry Community Wind Farm.
- Identify possible funding opportunities to support our local assets, and work with NAC to determine if the Hub can help deliver initiatives identified in the Ayrshire 21 - Dalry Action Plan.

5. Presentation by Sharon Bleakley Scottish Health Council

•Health and Social Care Partnership

Sharon indicated that The Scottish Health Council's role is to improve how the NHS in Scotland involves people in decisions about health services. Their aim is to improve how the NHS listens to you, values your views and experiences, respects you as an individual and involves you in planning and developing health services.

They wish to involve members of the public by giving them the opportunity to give feedback on a specific project relating to healthcare. The project can be one of ours, or we may be supporting other NHS colleagues, the Scottish Government Health Department or another partner agency.

SHC are currently in the process of building a wider and more diverse database of individuals who are willing to get involved in future projects - where pieces of work are relevant to them or on an area of healthcare that interests them.

Sharon requested that anyone interested should complete the form, which the DCDH will "e" mail to attendees after the meeting, and return it to her. Their contact details, along with some other information, will be held on a contacts database. This will enable SHC to contact the person in the future, informing them about a specific project that may be of interest to them, and asking if they would like to take part.

6. Progress achieved since 6th May 2014

Establish a Community Development Hub for the Parish of Dalry

- Dalry Community Development Hub Website launched September/October 2014.

<http://dcdh.btck.co.uk>

- Trustees appointed 1st October 2014
- DCDH registered as a SCIO on 6th March 2015.(Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) Dalry Community Development Hub Scottish Charity number: SC045464

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Brighten up Dalry Railway Station with plants/flowers.

- If you have visited or used the Dalry Station over the past 18 months, you will no doubt have witnessed significant improvements and noticeable enhancements.
 - This has been achieved through hard work and endeavour by a number of local volunteers.
 - A "Dalry Station Garden Project Work Plan" has been produced for 2016, and the community of Dalry can now look forward to having a "Blooming Good Station" next year, and hopefully for years to come.
 - Dalry is lucky to have the committed volunteers who turn up at the Station every Friday morning.
- They would welcome further support. If you wish to help, Friday 9 am is the time and Dalry Station is the place.

Brighten up Dalry Town Centre

- The DCDH and other interested parties met with NAC on 6th August 2015 to agree how best to address the current Dalry Cross issue. DCDH hoped to secure an agreement for the restoration of the "community space" at the Cross to include the identified facilities which have been removed/damaged over the past 6 years and to encourage NAC to consider this area as a pilot for use of the recommended Town-Centre-Action-Plan-Masterplanning-Toolkit
- NAC initially agreed to fund and undertake the necessary works, and then later suggested that the DCDH should apply to Town Centre Communities Capital Fund for this project.
- As the DCDH funding application to the Town Centre Communities Capital Fund was unsuccessful, the DCDH, other interested parties and Council officers are now working together to establish how this work can be funded and delivered by NAC during the current financial year (before end March 2016)
- Arrangements are now in hand for a further meeting to be convened early December 2015
- Updates will be incorporated in the DCDH news letters.

Lobby NAC to ensure that Community Council Boundaries of Dalry reflect the Parish/Post Code Boundaries

- Boundaries 2006 – 2015 - tabled
- Boundaries now proposed for 2016 by NAC – tabled

NAC will likely implement the revised boundary definitions by April 2016
DCDH will now contact RES regarding their promised modifications to the Community Benefit fund.

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Secure a joint Partnership Agreement between DCDH and NAC for the Lynn Glen walk restoration initiative, and its longer term maintenance. - Resolve current issues regarding ownership and the ongoing repair and maintenance of the Lynn Glen walk, and other Dalry walks.

The DCDH trustees and NAC have spent considerable time and effort, over the past 18 months, undertaking emergency repairs and attempting to progress this project. Surveys are now completed, and cost obtained for the majority of the identified remedial work.

Ownership of the various sectors of path has been established and DCDH proposals for way forward presented to NAC for consideration.

Basic concept suggested to NAC by DCDH:

- NAC would be responsible for liabilities, surveys, contract management and any other assistance (financial and technical) which could be offered by the Access Forum and other offices of the council.
- Dalry Community Development Hub, through community engagement, would help with the securing of funds, sponsorship and organising volunteers to develop and enhance this valued community asset in partnership with NAC.

Further discussions with NAC now scheduled for December 2015.

The outcome of this meeting will be reported in the next DCDH News Letter.

Meet with Community Wind Power Ltd and attempt to resolve the current impasse regarding Millour Hill community benefits, and the perceived limitations imposed by the current method of managing and allocating the community benefits derived from the Dalry Community Wind Farm.

- Dalry Parish Boundary Trust has been established as a Registered charity since 18 February 2015 (Unincorporated association).
The DPBT was formed by CWPL to Manage and Disburse the Community benefit from Millour Hill Wind Farm.
- It is understood that on 17th March 2015 the first annual community benefit payment, of £90k from Millour Hill wind farm, was transferred to the DPBT bank account, and the funds made available for applications from organisation and individuals within the Dalry Parish. – (Clause 1.1 minute of agreement 4 August 2014)
- The Dalry Community Development Hub finally managed to secure a meeting with CWPL on 2nd November 2015, to discuss the concerns raised at the previous DCDH public meetings.
- It was noted at the meeting, CWPL's continued dedication to bring a whole range of community benefits to the host areas.

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- The DCDH has still to receive a formal response from CWPL to the “e” mail detailing the issues discussed and recorded at the meeting.
- When the value of the voluntary contribution donated since 2006 is confirmed by CWPL, the Dalry community will be informed.

Identify possible funding opportunities to support our local assets, and work with NAC to determine if the Hub can help deliver initiatives listed in the Ayrshire 21 – Dalry Action Plan

- Funding opportunities - ongoing
- Local Youth Action Plan - ongoing
- Ayrshire 21 - ongoing

7. Other Projects and initiatives

- Since the May 2014 meeting, the steering group members, and subsequently the Trustees and friends of the Dalry Community Development Hub, have been busy addressing the actions agreed.
During this time other possible initiatives and projects were identified and the need for the DCDH to add support to other local issues, on behalf of the community, was also addressed.

Investigate if 22 Sharon St. (old School site) could be secured for future community infrastructure needs.

- The long term aim would be the enhancement of the current Dalry Campus to cater for future Educational and community needs and to centralise youth activities, with the exception of the facilities being planned by the Dalry Sports Club for the Dalry Park.
- Short term would be make the area safe, some overflow parking for current School Campus and a secure play / meeting area for the communities’ youth.
- Updates will be incorporated in the DCDH news letters.

Establish when the community benefit funding promised for the refurbishing of the Scout Hall, Smith St will be provided, and when the project will be completed.

Recent meeting with John Hopkins of Dalry Scouts confirmed the following:

- CWPL will now only provide £100K for the work required at the Scout Hall.
- This reduced funding will result in lesser development at the site.
- Start date January 2016 with all work being completed before summer of 2016.

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Lobby Scottish Government about the significant delay with the promised completion of the Dalry Bypass.

- DCDH sent letter to First Minister 25th August 2015.
- Reply received 28th Sept. from Allan Roberts of Transport Scotland.
- Kenneth Gibson MSP was copied in the original letter, and he has been very proactive and supportive of the need to ensure that this project is delivered ASAP.
- Kenneth provided a copy of the response from his Holyrood colleague Derek McKay MSP who was also copied in the original letter: *"The Scottish Government remains committed to delivering this much needed infrastructure project."*
- On 5th October the Scottish Ministers gave the go ahead for completion of the statutory procedures for the A737 Dalry Bypass.
- It is anticipated that Dalry will now receive an early Christmas present, by mid December confirmation that the necessary funding has now been approved.

Letter sent to SEPA, by DCDH on behalf of the Dalry community, expressing concerns about the use of "human waste" as fertiliser in North Ayrshire

Extract from SEPA's response of 3rd November 2015:

- We have also recently advised AESOPS Ltd and ASB Ltd that in SEPA's view the sludge currently being produced at Meadowhead should not be stored on agricultural land prior to spreading until they can demonstrate that the storage can take place without causing the release of an offensive odour and we are awaiting a response from them in this regard.

Result:

- Dalry no longer appears to have the offensive odour.
- The contractor has now likely moved on to a less vocal community.

To meet with Dalry Parish Boundary Trust to determine how the proposed arrangements made between CWPL and DPBT, for the management and disbursing of Millour Hill community benefit, will be delivered

- The DCDH is still making every effort to meet with DPBT
- As the North Ayrshire Council "Consultation on community benefit policy" is now underway, The DCDH would like to have a better understanding of how this could impact on the current "Minute of Agreement, between DPBT and the Millour Hill Community Windfarm Operator (CWPL)", before a DCDH response to this consultation is prepared. - Closing date for responses is 13th January 2016.
- Updates will be incorporated in the DCDH news letters.

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Fifth Review of Electoral Arrangements - Support of boundaries proposed by NAC

- Letter sent by DCDH on 23rd Sept. 15 to "Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland" supporting recommendations made by NAC.LGBC for Scotland acknowledged receipt on 28th September 2015. - Representation still being considered.
- Updates will be incorporated in the DCDH news letters

Work with NAC and local community to ensure that the interest of Dalry is considered during the Revision of Community Councils consultation process.

- DCDH are currently engaged with NAC on behalf of the Dalry community.
- Updates will be incorporated in the DCDH news letters.

Work with NAC and local community to ensure that the interest of Dalry is being considered during the Community Locality Approach consultation

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Work with NAC to ensure that the interest of Dalry is being considered during the Council consultation on Community Benefit Policy

- DCDH are currently engaged with NAC on behalf of the Dalry community
- The DCDH hopes to meet with DPBT to determine how this could impact on current arrangements they have with CWPL.
- A response to this consultation will then be submitted by DCDH

Ask NAC about their contingency arrangements for Dalry, now that the Dalry Community Council has been disbanded

- NAC was asked this question in August 2015, when it was rumoured that the DCC had folded.
- This question will be asked again, when DCDH trustees meet with NAC officers on proposed dates of 2nd and 9th December 2015.
- Updates will be incorporated in the DCDH news letters.

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- **Date of next meeting**

The next public meeting will be the AGM, moved from the provisional October/November 2015 to a date week commencing 7th March 2016.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm and thanked everyone for coming and participating in the discussions.