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What the DCDH trustees and community volunteers have achieved to date, and what DCDH hope to achieve 2016 – 2017.

Dalry Community Development Hub

Annual General Meeting

2nd March 2016

Where have we been, and where are we going?

“HELP”

GIVE DALRY A VOICE

**PUBLIC MEETING:
6TH MAY 2014**

**A COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT HUB FOR
DALRY**

**community - people - environment - facilities - funding
what do YOU want?**

7PM - 9PM

**DALRY PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

**This is a local
initiative to help
make our community
a better place.
Come along.**

Dalry Community Development Hub

- **What has been achieved since 6th May 2014?**
- **What is currently planned for 2016 – 2017?**
- **Why we need the support of the community.**
- **Is the DCDH addressing relevant issues?**
- **Are we delivering what you want?**

What was agreed by the attendees at the meeting of 6th May 2014

- ***Establish a Community Development Hub for the Parish of Dalry.***
- ***Brighten up Dalry Town Centre.***
- ***Resolve current issues regarding ownership and the ongoing repair and maintenance of the Lynn Glen walk and other walks in the Dalry area.***
- ***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 (Wardlaw Wood).***
- ***Brighten up Dalry Railway Station with plants/flowers.***
- ***Lobby NAC to ensure that Community Council Boundaries of Dalry reflect the Parish/Post Code Boundaries.***
- ***Work with NAC to determine if the Hub should undertake some of the actions identified in the recently published Ayrshire 21 Dalry Action Plan.***

Establish a Community Development Hub for the Parish of Dalry

The Dalry Community Development Hub (DCDH) was registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) on 6th March 2015.

Brighten up Dalry Town Centre.

- After many months of engagement and debate with NAC, and other parties representing the interests of Dalry, a funded programme of work, to be completed by June 2016, has now been agreed by NAC. This will address most of the issues raised. It is also hoped that signage, maps and notice boards will be provided at the corner of Bridgend Lane, as part of this initiative.

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

- The DCDH is currently focused on restoring the Lynn Glen walk back to its former glory.
- The DCDH has successfully secured funding from Tesco. Depending on local vote £8k, £10k or £12k.
- We are also discussing sponsorship with others.
- Access agreement from the landowners is currently being sought to undertake the remedial work.
- NAC will fund the professional input and project support provided by East Ayrshire Woodland Trust.
- Volunteers have already been secured to help with the significant work required – Any more volunteers?

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- During the process of DCDH attempting to secure a meeting with CWPL, to discuss concerns about the benefits Dalry was receiving from the Millour Hill Wind Farm, CWPL set about establishing Dalry Parish Boundary Trust to manage future community benefits from this site.
- DCDH is still attempting to secure a meeting with DPBT to better understand their “Role” in representing the interests of Dalry.
- DCDH finally managed to secure a meeting with CWPL in November 2015 to discuss community benefit funding from Dalry Community Wind Farm and Millour Hill Wind Farm – Ongoing!!!

Brighten up Dalry Railway Station with plants/flowers

The Dalry Station Gardening Group was established in 2014 as a Subgroup of DCDH. The DCDH initially facilitated and supported the activities of the group.

Contacts were established, volunteers secured and funding successfully found to undertake the initial works.

The Dalry Station Gardening Group is now an independent constituted organisation.

In October 2015, the active members of DSGG decided that independence, rather than devolved powers as a subgroup of the DCDH, was their preferred option.

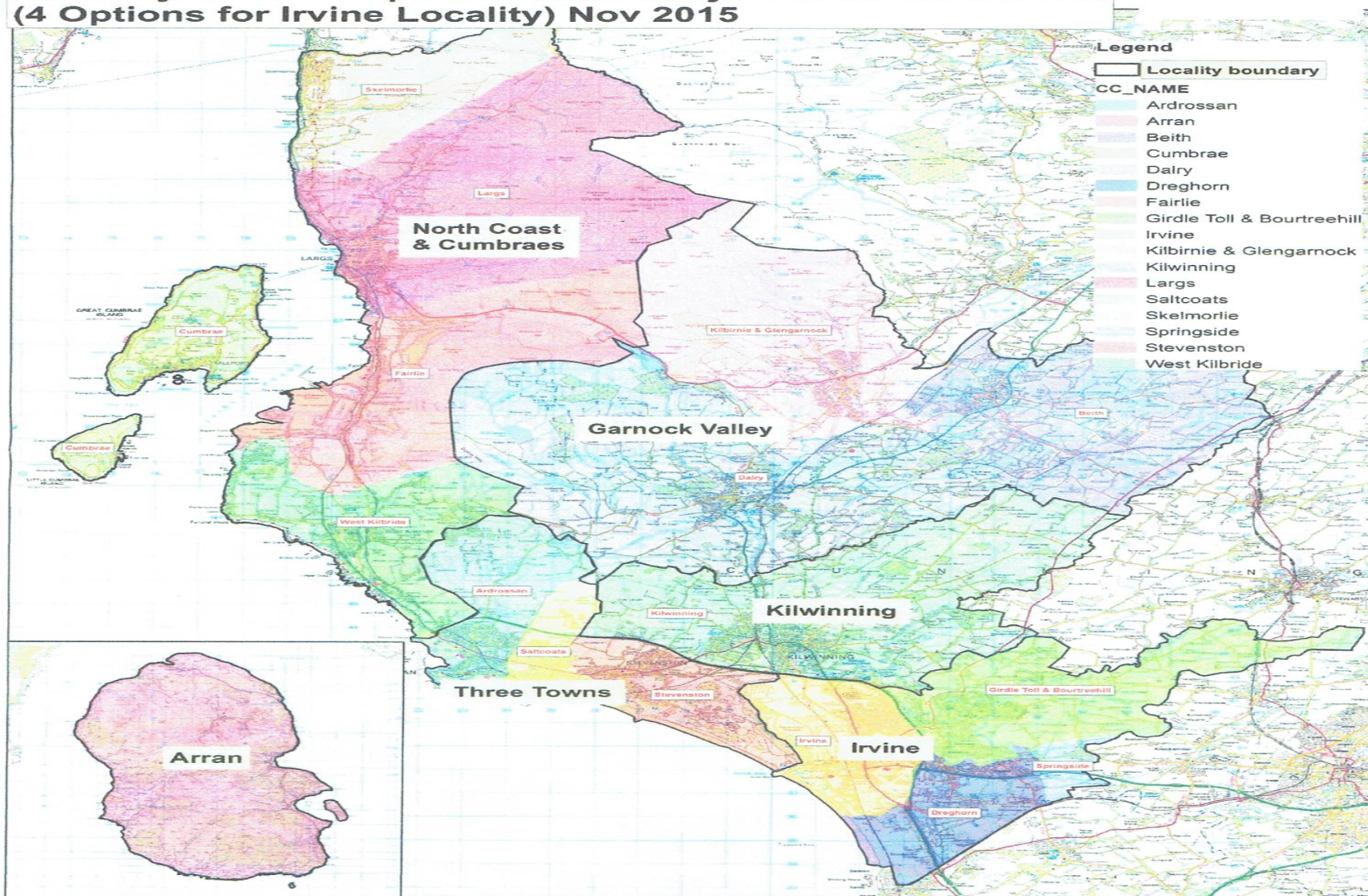
The DCDH wish the DSGG every success, and hope that their many gardening skills and knowledge can be called upon to help with other community initiatives having gardening elements in the project.

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

The NAC revised Community Council Boundaries and Locality Planning Boundaries for the Garnock Valley now reflect the suggested changes recommended by DCDH.

North Ayrshire - Proposed Community Council Boundaries (4 Options for Irvine Locality) Nov 2015

Attachment 3A



Work with NAC to determine if the Hub should undertake some of the actions identified in the recently published Ayrshire 21 Dalry Action Plan

The DCDH has and will continue to work with NAC and other local Dalry organisations to address the identified issues highlighted in the action plan.

This has resulted in the DCDH undertaking a watching brief on a number of initiatives having synergies with the action plan recommendations.

What further initiatives have subsequently been addressed by DCDH?

- ***Grass root support for the Dalry Bypass – Letter to Scottish Minsters.***
- ***Letter to Scottish Ministers and SEPA regarding community concerns about human waste being dumped and spread in the Dalry area.***
- ***Working with NAC – Locality Planning Partnership proposals.***
- ***Working with NAC – Revision of Community Council's consultation.***
- ***Notice of interest sent to NAC requesting that the 22 Sharon Street site should be retained for future community needs and not sold to a developer. Support secured from Patricia Gibson MP and Councillor C MacMillan.***
- ***Application for funding to address issues with identified “Stalled Spaces”.***
- ***Engaged with RES (Kelburn Wind Farm) requesting that they now deliver on their promise of a revised allocation of community benefits. This was triggered when NAC changed community council boundaries in line with the recommendations made by DCDH.***

***Grass root support for the
Dalry Bypass
Letter to Scottish Minsters***

The Dalry Bypass is now approved, and funded to start this year.

***Letter to Scottish Ministers and SEPA
regarding community concerns about
human waste being dumped and
spread in the Dalry area***

By what is likely to be claimed as a coincidence, the stink stopped within 7 days and has not materialised since.

Working with NAC Locality Planning Partnership proposals

Good progress has been made to date, and the interest of Dalry has been given support from DCDH in lieu of any input which should have been provided by DCC.

Working with NAC Revision of Community Council's consultation

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should be retained for future
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developer***

NAC, having acknowledged the concerns raised by DCDH, has removed the site from the market and are now considering how best the site can be used for NAC services and community use

Application for funding to address issues with identified “Stalled Spaces”

- The land west of 70 New Street in Dalry has been identified as a location which meets the requirements for “stalled spaces” funding.
- DCDH are currently arranging to secure funding and Landowners approval to tidy up this site.
- Watch this space and 70 New Street for improvements over the next 3 months.
- Would you like to volunteer your help?

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- *RES response after 2 years of negotiation:
"some of this area is now within the community council area of Dalry. This area will remain eligible to receive funding from the Kelburn Wind Farm Community Fund; however the fund boundary will not be extended to incorporate the full community council area of Dalry."*
- *In other words Dalry will still receive nothing from RES even although all of the 14 Wind Turbines are in the Dalry Community Council area.*

Current initiatives, having synergies with DCDH activities, requiring a watching brief which an active Dalry Community Council would have normally addressed on behalf of the Dalry community

- **Renovation of the Scout Hall in Smith St. - £100k community benefit.**
- **North Ayrshire Guiding, Blair developments - £100k community benefit.**
- **How NAC intend to use the £30k apparently available for the improvement of children's play parks in Dalry. This is for new equipment, not maintenance.**
- **Dalry Parish Boundary Trust's management of the voluntary Community Benefit funds provided by CWPL Millour Hill. – An annual £122k**
- **Dalry Sports Club - proposals for sport developments at Dalry Park.**
- **NAC's proposals for the management of community benefit secured from any new renewable developments in North Ayrshire.**
- **What can DCDH do to help NAC influence improvements to dilapidated building frontages in our main streets?.**

What DCDH hope to achieve 2016 – 2017

- I hope that you will agree that significant gains have been achieved by DCDH for Dalry, since the community gave the steering group a mandate on 6th May 2014 to *establish a Community Development Hub for the Parish of Dalry.*
- *We need your continued support and require more volunteers to ensure that we can build on this success for years to come.*