

“Draft notes”

Dalry Community Development Hub (DCDH)

Trustee - Business and Progress meeting

Venue: Rosearden, Courthill St. Date: 20th July 2016 Time: 7.00 pm start.

Invited Attendees:

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| James McCosh | Chair |
| Sheena Woodside | Treasurer |
| Alastair Adamson | Secretary |
| Myra Sim | Trustee |
| Hamish Harkness | Trustee |
| Heather Grossart | Trustee |
| Catherine McMillan | Trustee |
| Caroline Cooper | Trustee |
| Reg N-Graham | Trustee – no show |
| Janet Gibson | Trustee |
| Audrey Hillis | NAC |
| Thomas Reaney | NAC - Apologies |
| Anthony Hume | NAC - Apologies |
| Bruce Davidson | East Ayrshire Woodland Trust |
| Julie Wales | Trustee - Roadside Art on the Dalry Bypass |

1. Welcome/Introduction - purpose of meeting – J McC

James McCosh welcomed all and noted the attendance of trustees, subgroup representatives and invited speakers.

The purpose of tonight’s meeting is again to continue with our efforts to progress current initiatives and to consider priorities for any further activities the DCDH has been requested to address.

2. Record apologies, and agree minutes of 15th June 2016 DCDH trustees meeting. - J McC

The apologies received from Thomas Reaney and Anthony Hume was recorded.

The minutes of the 15th June 2016 meeting were proposed for acceptance by Sheena Woodside and seconded by Hamish Harkness.

3. Dalry Town Centre phase 1 improvements, current progress with agreed phase 2 works, St Margaret's church railings repair and proposals for further development of Children's play area in Dalry Park — Thomas Reaney of NAC to provide a progress report.

AA indicated that he had received a communication from Thomas Reaney earlier this evening indicating that he was unable to attend the meeting.

His "e" mail stated that a contract had now been awarded for the church railings and no start date has yet been given.

He also confirmed that Councillor Catherine McMillan had replied regarding the £30k funding for further development of Children's play areas in Dalry, recommending that all of the spend to be on the Dalry Park Children's play area.

The other two Dalry councillors have still to respond.

Thomas will now chase up the outstanding responses.

AA confirmed that the following phase 1 outstanding work had now been completed:-

- Bollards – lockable (1 outstanding) + fixed (1 outstanding) bollards to close gaps now provided. – It was noted that the three lockable bollards have been provided with three different keys. AA to contact Thomas Reaney to establish the rational behind this arrangement and the process implemented for the distribution of keys to those requiring access to the community area.

AA also noted that the phase 1 action for paving to be repointed and made secure was still outstanding.

Other works (Phase 2) to be addressed by NAC as a follow-up to 12th June works was recorded as follows:-

- Map with small notice board at corner of Bridgend / Bridgend Lane.
- Signage at corner of Bridgend / Bridgend Lane – (Town Centre).
- Bridgend Lane Signage – (Lovers Walk to Lynn Glen) and (National Cycle Route).
- Signage at "T" junction Bridgend – A737 (Town Centre).
- Revise Town Centre signage.
- Sort out bin parking at corner of Courthill St. – Can permanent bin location be created when toilet is removed?
- Paint curved bench and brighten up corner.
- New trees within Church Yard at wall/fence.
- Liaise with DCDH regarding the proposed sponsored 3 tree initiative.

4. Proposed 3 Trees sponsorship initiative for Dalry Town Centre – update AA

AA reported that the requirement for a cubic meter excavation to investigate the suitability of the proposed planting areas was still outstanding. Arrangements have been made for percolation test to be undertaken, and it is proposed that sponsorship will be secured in time for a November 2016 planting.

It was anticipated that NAC would facilitate and fund the excavation of the test hole and provide the previously used metal work which is still stored.

DCDH will secure funding for trees to be planted by November. - AA to progress.

5. Roadside Art On The Dalry Bypass – update Julie Wales.

Julie Wales, as a recently appointed Trustee, agreed to help organise a sub-committee to investigate this proposed initiative.

JMcC confirmed that he had spoken to Duncan Watt, and had established that he would be willing to assist with the project.

Julie Wales will now contact Bryce Knox, Lesley Forsythe and John Hodgart to secure their support and advice.

The initial concept to be based on the location for the proposed Roadside art being at Peasweep mount, and the subject to be based on “The Dalry Witch – Bessie Dunlop”
Progress report to be submitted at next Trustee meeting.

6. “Stalled Space left of 70 New St site.” – Update SW

Sheena Woodside indicated that the completion of the project was now in sight, and it was hoped that a day could now be arranged for the landscape works to be carried out by volunteers.

It was agreed that works would be carried out on Wednesday 3rd August 2016 from 10.00 am – 8.00 pm.

5 Tons of chips to be ordered from Reddance for delivery on 2nd August.

Edging stone to be procured prior to 3rd August for the planting areas at the site.

Every effort should be made to obtain two planters from Ian Kinghorn NAC prior to 3rd August.

Trustees were asked to confirm if they would be able to assist on 3rd August 2016.

AA still to write to Trunk Road contractors to attempt to secure agreement for roughcasting works to be carried out by owner of 70 New Street, at a suitable Saturday / Sunday time window, without the need to fund traffic management facilities.

7. Lynn Glen walk restoration project:

The following points were recorded.

- The DCDH trustees agreed that East Ayrshire Woodlands should manage the required resources, procurement and the project spend.
Funds secured by DCDH will be used by EAW for materials and any specialist plant hire requirements of the project.
NAC will fund all other services provided by East Ayrshire Woodlands.
DCDH trustees will work with Bruce Davidson EAW to ensure that all funders (Tesco, LandTrust and Leader) will receive appropriate invoiced statements to cover the funds provided by them.
Phase 1 works will be funded by Tesco’s Bags of Help (Groundwork’s).
A meeting will be arranged in August with BD to agree materials and plant hire required for works to be undertaken during August/September 2016.
The meeting should also address plant and material access arrangements with landowners – J McCosh will provide a detailed map of boundaries and also help facilitate engagement with landowners.

AA to arrange meeting date.

- Tesco's Bags of help funding of phase 1 activities. – Update JMcC / BD / AA
It was confirmed that £6k had now been deposited in the DCDH account by Tesco's.
- LandTrust funding for phase 2 works. – Update JMcC / BD / AA
AA confirmed that the LandTrust application for £14,870.00 has now been supported by NAC, and the final funding application had now been submitted to LandTrust. It is anticipated that this application is likely to be successful and funding should be available from September 2016.
- Any further funding requirements?
AH will contact Leader to determine if additional funding can be secured for appropriate signage and maps.
AA confirmed that 2017 - 2018 funding of £2.5k would be sought from the CO-OP to provide picnic area facilities in the meadow adjacent to the Lynn Glen Car Park.

8. Paths for All funded project for "Park Walk" section from Courthill Street to Rye Bridge. – Update AA

AA confirmed that a contract had now been placed with Douglas Gilbert for the works to be undertaken prior to 6th August 2016.

Mr. J Smith and Mr. I Howie have both been advised that works will now be carried out 20th/21st/22nd July 2016.

Arrangements to be made for the purchase of barrows, rakes, shovels, pick, gloves and high visibility vests for volunteer activities.

Paths for All have been kept advised of progress.

9. Progress with "Big Fit Walk" arrangements for 6th August 2016.

- Funding application to DPBT for £500 - JMcC / SW

Successful application achieved.
- Schedule of planned activities and ownership - Audrey Hillis.

This is in hand and will be completed well in advance of the event.
- Funding application to other potential sources. – Audrey Hillis.

AH confirmed that further funding would be secured to cover the cost of all services and other incidentals.

- Publicity and arrangements for the event.

All attendees agreed to continue with the publicising of the “Big Fit Walk”.
Volunteers and organisers agreed to meet at 10 am at Dalry Park “hard stand area” on the morning of the event (6th August 2016).

J McCosh noted that this event will bring together many North Ayrshire organisations and the Garnock Valley communities, and asked that every effort should be made to capture photographs and video of the event.

10. Other issues to be discussed.

- Dalry Bypass – progress
NAC contacted regarding DCDH concerns about present condition of A737 road section and services likely to be detrunked when the Dalry Bypass is completed. Concern also raised that the associated Den realignment project has not as yet been funded by Holyrood.
DCDH will ask Kenneth Gibson MSP for clarification before the October 2016 public meeting of DCDH.
- Traffic management arrangements in Dalry when the Bypass is opened?
NAC has confirmed, that after the bypass is opened, a traffic monitoring program will be implemented to determine if any change to the current arrangement is required.
- Dalry Scout Hall – progress.
No further progress to report.
Will funding promised by CWPL ever materialise?
- North Ayrshire Guides Blair development plan – progress.
No further progress to report.
- Progress achieved by Dalry Sports Club – Dalry Park development project.
No further progress to report.
- NAC consultation on Revision of Community Councils – update
It has been confirmed that arrangements are now in hand for the establishing of a revised Dalry Community Council before the end of this year.
- NAC consultation on Locality Planning. – update

The Garnock Valley Locality Planning Group has now been formed and the Chair person is Councillor Catherine MacMillan.

AA commented that he hoped the combined resources of the to be formed Dalry Community Councillors and the Garnock Valley Locality Planning Group will facilitate the early transfer of initiatives and responsibilities currently being addressed by DCDH to the new NAC funded and supported community representative structure.

- NAC consultation on Community Benefit. – update

Nothing new to report.

- Community Empowerment/Locality Planning. – update.

DCDH to determine if community initiatives will now be addressed by the new NAC structure of Dalry Community Councillors and the Garnock Valley Locality Planning Group.

- Windfarm Community Benefit. – update

No further progress to report about funds which Dalry should be receiving from Kelburn Wind Farm and Dalry Community Windfarm (Wardlaw Wood).

- Funding distributed by DPBT from July 2014 to July 2016.

DCDH will contact Dalry Parish Boundary Trust to establish how much funding to date they have distributed on behalf of CWPL, from the Millour Hill Wind Farm development community benefits. – action J McC

- 22 Sharon Street proposals. – update.

This site is no longer up for sale by NAC.

AA reported that activities have been witnessed at the site, which would indicate that consideration is being given by NAC to develop new community based services at 22 Sharon Street (Site of old school grey building).

NAC to be asked to comment at the October 2016 DCDH public meeting.

- Go Garnock which appears to have superseded Ayrshire 21. – update

Report of NAC funded consultation activities still to be published.

11. Any other DCDH business?

- Volunteers for sub-group membership – update
DCDH now urgently require volunteers to help with the delivery of current and proposed initiatives. Trustees were asked to help with the recruitment of volunteers.
- Love Lane – can something be done to improve this site?
Should this be referred to the new Dalry Community Council/Garnock Valley Locality Group?

- Julie Wales was formally appointed as a DCDH trustee.
Julie will now lead the DCDH “Roadside Art on the Dalry Bypass” subgroup.
Arrangements to be progressed at next DCDH trustee meeting in September.

12. Date of future meetings

- The next DCDH Trustee meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th September 2016, at 7 pm in Rosearden.
- A Public meeting of DCDH will be held on Wednesday 26th October 2016 at 7 pm in Rosearden.

13. The meeting closed at 9.00 pm