

“Draft” minutes**Dalry Community Development Hub (DCDH)****Trustee - Business and Progress meeting****Venue: Rosearden, Courthill St. Date: 7th September 2016 Time: 7.00 pm start.****Invited Attendees:**

James McCosh	Chair
Sheena Woodside	Treasurer
Alastair Adamson	Secretary
Myra Sim	Trustee
Hamish Harkness	Trustee
Heather Grossart	Trustee
Catherine McMillan	Trustee (apologies)
Caroline Cooper	Trustee (apologies)
Reg N-Graham	Trustee – No Show
Janet Gibson	Trustee
Julie Wales	Trustee for Roadside Art On Bypass and associated heritage trail.
Audrey Hillis	NAC
Thomas Reaney	NAC (apologies)
John Hopkins	NAC – Dalry Scout Hall project
Steven Horswell	Dalry Scout Leader
Robert Barr	Chairperson of DPBT (apologies)
Anthony Hume	DCDH subgroup member
Bruce Davidson	East Ayrshire Woodlands (Lynn Glen project)
Ian Shaw	Project Kilbirnie (apologies)

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 to continue with our efforts to progress current initiatives and consider priorities for any further activities the DCDH has been requested to address. Arrangements and actions for the forthcoming DCDH public meeting on 26th October 2016 will also be considered.

2. Record apologies, and agree minutes of 20th July 2016 DCDH trustees meeting. - J McC

The apologies received from Catherine McMillan, Caroline Cooper, Thomas Reaney, Robert Barr and Ian Shaw was recorded.

The minutes of the 20th July 2016 meeting were proposed for acceptance by Sheena Woodside and seconded by Myra Sim.

3. Dalry Scout Hall – progress report John Hopkins / Steven Horswell

It was confirmed that 80% of the required funding was now in place, and a meeting tomorrow with CWPL will hopefully bring together a revised proposal which will finally facilitate the long awaited start of the Scout Hall refurbishment.

Dalry Scouts will also apply for Leader funding to address any shortfall in the funding required to complete the project and also add to the facilities in the new accommodation. John Hopkins offered to provide DCDH with a report of their tomorrow's meeting with CWPL.

John and Steven were thanked for attending the meeting and were congratulated on the progress achieved with the reforming of the scout activities for Dalry and the continued efforts to secure an appropriate venue for the future.

**** An appendix to the minutes provides the formal information agreed at the CWPL meeting of 8th September 2016 ****

4. Brighten up Dalry Town Centre:

Phase 1 improvements, current progress with agreed phase 2 works, St Margaret's church railings repair, 3 Trees sponsorship initiative for Dalry Town Centre 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 and Hamish Harkness had met with Thomas Reaney earlier today at Dalry Cross and the following progress can now be reported:

A contract has now been awarded for the church railings and the work will start early October with a planned completion date before 26th October 2016.

Thomas Reaney reported 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. Final discussion is now programmed with the elected councillors to finalise the plans.

It is anticipated that details of what is proposed will be made known before the DCDH public meeting on 26th October 2016

The Phase 1 works were inspected and it was agreed that its completion had provided significant improvements to the Town Centre.

AA confirmed receipt of bollard keys and reported that the distribution to agreed recipients had been undertaken.

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

TR will action.

Progress with 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.**
 Draft proposal received this week. As there are a number of issues, regarding the need update some of the details, arrangements are in hand to discuss options and action completion of works.
 It is anticipated that this can be finalised next week, and it is hoped that NAC will then be in a position to complete this work before the end of this year. - TR to arrange.
- **Signage at corner of Bridgend / Bridgend Lane – (Town Centre).**
 This will be provided under phase 2 works as agreed at the earlier meeting with NAC.
 – TR to arrange.
- **Bridgend Lane Signage – (Lovers Walk to Lynn Glen) and (National Cycle Route).**
 This will be provided under phase 2 works as agreed at the earlier meeting with NAC.
 – TR to arrange.
- **Signage at “T” junction Bridgend – A737 (Town Centre).**
 DCDH has received proposal from NAC and a reply has confirmed their agreement. It is now hoped that this work will be completed very soon.
 - Completed.
- **Revise Town Centre signage.**
 This will be provided under phase 2 works as agreed at the earlier meeting with NAC.
 – TR to arrange.
- **Sort out bin parking at corner of Courthill St.**

 Can permanent bin location be created when toilet is removed?
 Joint initiative DCDH/NAC will hopefully result in a positive outcome.
 AA to arrange with Thomas Reaney/Audrey Hillis.
 Further discussion is required to determine how DCDH can source part funding of any agreed solution.
 A subgroup will be established to undertake the necessary preparation of applications to Ayrshire Leader and other potential sources for the required funding.
 AH / JMcC / JG will organise.
- **Paint curved bench and brighten up corner. NAC will arrange for this to be undertaken by “Community Payback” resources. -TR will arrange.**
- **New trees within Church Yard at wall/fence. – No longer required**
- **Liaise with DCDH regarding the proposed sponsored 3 tree initiative.**

 AA reported that the requirement for a cubic meter excavation to investigate the suitability of the proposed planting areas was still outstanding, and that further discussions with Thomas Reaney earlier today had resulted in an agreement that

NAC would attempt to facilitate the digging of the three holes required for the trees and arrange for the tree railings, recovered from the previous Dalry Cross trees, to be made available by mid October 2016.

DCDH will arrange to fund the provision and planting of the 3 trees with the associate grids.

NAC has now confirmed that they will be able to arrange for the excavation of the holes required at the three locations and provide the previously used metal works which are still stored.

DCDH confirmed that they will fund and arrange for the trees to be planted by 26th October 2016.

Trees being considered by DCDH are: Norway Maple (Emerald Queen) and Rowan (Shearwater Seedling)

AA to progress with Thomas Reaney/Douglas Boatman

5. Roadside Art On The Dalry Bypass and associated Dalry heritage trail – update Julie Wales

Julie Wales reported that discussions had taken place with a number of interested parties, and that a wealth of information, suggestions and support had been secured.

Transport Scotland, Cumbernauld Council and “Bones, Stones and Stories” have also provided responses to the initial enquiries made by Julie.

Julie confirmed that she had discussed the Bessie Dunlop proposals with Duncan Watt, and that he had enthusiastically suggested a concept for the future development of the proposed roadside art. It was noted with the deepest regret that Duncan passed away at the beginning of September, after a very short illness.

Julie Wales has also contact Lesley Forsythe, Myra Sim, Helen Walker, Jacqueline Shaw and John Hodgart to secure their support and advice.

Julie will meet with Bernadette at St Johns on Tuesday 13th September. Bernadette has suggested applying for funds from the Nurturing Excellence In Communities Fund, as the 30th Sept deadline for Stories, Stones and Bones was going to be tight due to preparing a brief for Wayne Darnell (community artist) and awaiting a price for his services.

James has been contacted by Fiona Middler, who is one of a number of interested parties for the project. - James to provide Julie with contact details.

A presentation of progress for the 26 October 2016 DCDH public meeting will be a topic for discussion at the 12th October 2016 meeting.

Action - JW

6. Works at “Stalled Space” site next to 70 New Street .” – Update Sheena Woodside

Sheena Woodside indicated that the “Stalled Space” project was now completed, demonstrating what could be achieved by determination and working together for the benefit of our community.

Reddance Building Supplies very generous donation of 5 tons of granite chips ensured that the project spend was well within budget and yet delivered a quality job.

AA confirmed that he had corresponded with the Trunk Road contractors, and had helped broker an agreement for roughcasting works to be carried out by owner of 70 New Street, without the need to fund traffic management facilities. It is anticipated that this work will now be completed by late October/early November 2016.

Janet Gibson indicated that DAG were considering decorating the “Stalled Space” with Christmas lights during the December festivities.

AA agreed to discuss this with the owner of 70 New Street to ensure that there were no objections.- AA to advise Janet of outcome.

7. Lynn Glen walk restoration project:

- **NAC / East Ayrshire Woodlands project management of initiative – BD**

Bruce Davidson confirmed that there were now six trainees employed to undertake a training programme and provide labour resources to address a number of initiatives being administered by East Ayrshire Woodlands. Bruce is currently negotiating with landowners the necessary arrangements for the access of materials and plant.

AA indicated his concerns that the Lynn Glen, being one of many EAW projects, may not receive the necessary attention and resource commitment required to deliver timely completion of Phase1 (Bags of Help - £8k) funded works before the end of December 2016, and the Phase2 (LandTrust - £14.5k) funded works by summer 2017.

BD gave his assurance that arrangements were now in place to tackle the remedial works identified in the survey report, and that we should shortly be witnessing significant activity at the Lynn Glen.

- **Tesco’s “Bags of Help” funding of phase 1 activities.**

Update JMcC /BD / AA

£6K already received from Bags of Help with a further £2k on completion of Phase1 works.

Volunteer days to be organised for September / October / November 2016 to help with Phase1 works.

Action AA / BD

- **LandTrust funding for phase 2 works. – Update JMcC / BD / AA**

Work identified in the survey has been split into phase1 and phase2 funding packages. The funding (£14.5K), which is anticipated will be made available by early October, will then be used to complete the balance of remedial works by the summer of 2017.

- **CooP funding for picnic area adjacent to Lynn Glen car park. update AA**

The necessary funding is likely to be secured by summer 2017.

Anthony Hume was asked if he could confirm that the meadow adjacent to the Lynn Glen car park was owned by NAC

- **PB funding application for Lynn Glen plaque, open day and volunteer days.**

Sheena Woodside and Audrey Hillis agreed to prepare the necessary funding application and make the necessary arrangements to attend the community vetting day on 25th September at Dalry Primary School.

- **Funding for information boards at points of interest – Lynn Glen walk.**

A subgroup will be established to undertake the necessary preparation of applications to Ayrshire Leader and “Bones, Stones & Stories for the required funding.

AH / SW / JMcC / JG will organise.

- **Any further funding requirements?**

It was agreed that opportunities to secure funds for Dalry should not be lost during the transition process of Locality Planning / Community Council implementation.

AA hoped that the new elected structure would in future secure available funds for their communities needs.

8. Completion report on “Paths for All” funded project for “Park Walk” section from Courthill Street to Rye Bridge. – Update AA/SW/JMcC

AA reported that the work was now completed, and was pleased to note that many users of the path had commented on how successful the DCDH initiative has been.

Currently 75% of the funding has been received by DCDH from Paths for All.

AA will pursue payment of the 25% balance.

JMcC is still attempting to meet with DSM to discuss if they would be willing to take on the ongoing maintenance responsibility of the resurfaced path.

9. “Big Fit Walk” on 6th August 2016 – report on its success. AH/JMcC

SW / JG reported that the Big Fit Walk had been a huge success, and it was agreed that consideration should be given to organising a similar event for 2017.

10. Current financial position of DCDH:- Report by SW / JMcC / C McM

The schedules tabled at the meeting by Sheena Woodside are included as Appendix 3 of the “draft” minutes.

11. Community benefits from windfarms located within Dalry Community Council boundary.

- **Details of Millour Hill funding received from CWPL and distributed by DPBT from July 2014 to August 2016. – update from Robert Barr**

As Robert Barr was unable to attend the meeting, due to previous commitments made by Councillor Robert Barr, it was agreed that Robert should be invited as a speaker to attend the 26th October 2016 DCDH public meeting.

- **Confirm details of Community benefits now received by Dalry from other Wind farms located within the recently revised community council boundary. – update AA.**

AA stated that regrettably no further progress had been made. It is now hoped to secure comprehensive information for the 26th October 2016 DCDH public meeting.

12. Other issues to be discussed.

- **Dalry Bypass and associated Den Realignment project – replies received to DCDH correspondence.**

It was agreed that this should now be addressed by Garnock Valley Locality Planning Group.

AA to advise CMcM.

- **Traffic management arrangements in Dalry when the Bypass is opened - replies received to DCDH correspondence.**

It was agreed that this should now be addressed by the new Dalry Community Council.

AA to advise?

- **North Ayrshire Guides Blair development plan – progress.**

It was agreed that this should now be addressed by the new Dalry Community Council.

AA to advise?

- **Progress achieved by Dalry Sports Club – Dalry Park sports development project.**

It was agreed that this would be best addressed by the new Dalry Community Council. AA to advise?

- **NAC consultation on Revision of Community Councils – update from NAC**

It was agreed that this would be best addressed by the new Dalry Community Council.

AA to advise?

- **NAC consultation on Locality Planning. – update from NAC**

It was agreed that this would be best addressed by Garnock Valley Locality Planning Group.

AA to advise CMcM.

- **NAC consultation on Community Benefit. – update from NAC**

It was agreed that this would be best addressed by Garnock Valley Locality Planning Group/ Dalry Community Council.

AA to advise CMcM.

- **Community Empowerment/Locality Planning. – update from NAC**

It was agreed that this would be best addressed by Garnock Valley Locality Planning Group.

AA to advise CMcM.

- **22 Sharon Street proposals. – update from NAC**

It was agreed that this may now be best addressed by the new Dalry Community Council.

AA to advise?

- **Go Garnock appears to have superseded Ayrshire 21. – update from NAC**

It was agreed that this would be best addressed by Garnock Valley Locality Planning Group.

AA to advise CMcM.

- **What can be done about the current condition of Love Lane?**

It was agreed that this would be best addressed by the new Dalry Community Council.

AA to advise ?

- **Roughcasting of 70 New Street frontage – AA**

As already stated, this issue is now resolved and the roughcasting should be completed before the end of this year.

- **Cycle path Kilwinning to Kilbirnie via Dalry - What is currently being considered?**

It was agreed that this would be best addressed by the coordinated efforts of Garnock Valley and Kilwinning Locality Planning Groups.
AA to advise CMcM.

- **Project Kilbirnie's Woodland initiative. – IS**

Moss side Woodland, going out of Dalry on Fairlie Moor Road, is a potential funding and community initiative which Ian Shaw would like to discuss with DCDH.
IS to be invited to next meeting.

13. Agree date to discuss arrangements and agenda for 26th October DCDH Public meeting.

It was agreed that the next DCDH trustee meeting would be held in **Rosearden on Wednesday 12th October 2016 from 7pm to 9pm.**

The agenda for this meeting will be based on agreeing the agenda and content for the **DCDH public meeting on Wednesday 26th October 2016.**

14. Any other DCDH business?

- **Volunteers for sub-group membership – update**

JMcC asked all in attendance to make every effort to encourage more volunteers and subgroup membership.

- **It was agreed that DCDH required to make further efforts to raise its profile.**

Heather Grossart agreed to increase the current posting of DCDH activities on Face Book.

Alastair Adamson will continue to update and develop DCDH's website.

AA will also forward extracts of updates to HG for posting on Face Book.

Sheena Woodside is currently arranging large generic DCDH poster and Audrey Hillis will provide laminated A1 specific posters to advertise our successes.

15. The meeting was brought to a close at 9.30 pm

Appendix 1**BYPASS ART SUB GROUP OF DALRY COMMUNITY HUB****Minutes of Meeting Wednesday 14th September 2016**

Present : Julie Wales, Jacqueline Shaw, John Hodgart, Myra Sim and Lesley Forsyth

Apologies : None

Copies: Dalry Community Hub

Introduction

Julie thanked everyone for coming and gave an update on her progress on the Project. Julie has spoken to various people to get the group up and running and agreed to be a sub group of the Dalry Community Hub. The proposal for the Artwork is a statue / sculpture of 'Bessie Dunlop' a local woman who was accused of Witchcraft and was tortured, tried and put to death in Edinburgh.

Correspondence

A Letter was passed to the group from Transport Scotland which stated that the A737 Bypass is currently in procurement and the final design is still under development. They would be happy to discuss proposals with anyone proposing a suitable artwork once the final design is confirmed which will follow the contract award. The contract for the main works is currently anticipated to be awarded in Spring 2017. A reply email from North Lanarkshire was also passed around, Julie had contacted them for some advice and they said that we would need to contact North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership as the first port of call as the Artwork would probably need planning permission and Transport Scotland to assess impacts from distraction, falling on the road. – **action Julie to contact NAC Planning.**

Artwork Location

Lesley provided a plan of the proposed bypass, the preferred location was the area known as Peesweep Mount however, Lesley had spoken to a colleague who suggested that a location slightly further along would be a more suitable beside a suds pond as there would be access roads put in place in this area and the piece of land was probably owned by Blair Estate and we would need their permission to erect the Artwork. – **action Julie to contact Lina Borwick of Blair.**

Community Awareness

Julie is attending an event on Tuesday 20/09/16 at St. John's Primary called Bones, Stones & Stories. Grant applications can be made for £3,000 to £10,000 this money is then used to set up workshops within the local community to raise awareness of local history in this case 'Bessie Dunlop'. The workshops would take place in local primary schools and the library and or community centre. Community awareness and involvement is essential to the success of the project. Lesley discussed a similar project she was involved in; Betsy Miller, Sea Captain and how she involved the Saltcoats community in particular teenage girls by comparing Betsy's achievements back then to current issues faced by young females today.

John Hodgart gave a brief insight into Bessie Dunlop a local woman whom people approached for herbal remedies and advice. She was seen by the Authorities as dangerous and a threat and she was branded a witch. Her fate was inevitable due to the Witch Hunt hysteria of that time in history. John said it was important to remember that she was married with children and nothing like a typical witch you think of today and this should be reflected in the Artwork. – **action Julie to ask a member of the Hub to attend the event at St. Johns along with herself to apply for grant funding.**

Heritage Trail

Lesley discussed the NAC Webpage and App. for the Heritage Trail this is used to provide local history on notable people, places, buildings within the towns in North Ayrshire. At the moment there is nothing on the page for Dalry or indeed the Garnock Valley it was suggested that we put Dalry on the page in the near future. This would encourage more people to come to the town and enjoy the local walks with the added bonus of reading about local history. Bessie Dunlop would be one of these people with a plaque probably sited at the bottom of the Lynn Glen as she frequented this area.

HUB Update

Julie will attend the next Dalry Community Development Hub Meeting with an update on the subgroup's progress.

NEXT SUB GROUP MEETING ROSEARDEN, TO BE CONFIRMED

Appendix 2

Dalry Scout Hall Redevelopment Committee

From: John Hopkins [mailto:dalryscouthall@gmail.com]

Sent: 09 September 2016 10:18

To: alastair.adamson@talktalk.net

Cc: Steven Horswell; Colin Williamson

Subject: New Dalry Scout Hall

Good morning Alastair

Thanks for inviting Steven and I to your Community meeting on Wednesday As promised please accept the following statement as our after meeting report:

At the meeting of the Dalry Scout Hall Redevelopment Committee today, it was accepted that the existing hall is now beyond economic repair. Plans were presented for the demolition and rebuilding of a new Scout Hall on the present site at Smith Street. The Scout Leaders expressed their delight with the proposed scheme and they look forward to finally realising their dream of providing modern, easy to heat, comfortable facilities for our young people and for wider community use. The committee have managed to raise some 80% of the expected rebuild costs. Subject to revisions to the Planning Permission, it was agreed to proceed with the project immediately. Works are expected to commence before Christmas with completion late spring 2017.

A pdf copy of the proposed scheme is attached for your information. We would be obliged if you would not circulate these beyond your committee membership until we present these to the Planning Department.

We trust your Committee will support us in our ongoing endeavours and we look forward to working closely with yourselves in reinstating this valuable community asset.

With regards

John

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Appendix 3



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