



DALRY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HUB

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"Draft Minutes"

Dalry Community Development Hub (DCDH)

Trustee - Business and Progress meeting

Venue: Rosearden, Courthill St. Date: 15th February 2017 Time: 7.00 pm start.

Attendees:

James McCosh	Chair
Alastair Adamson	Secretary
Myra Sim	Trustee
Hamish Harkness	Trustee
Heather Grossart	Trustee
Catherine MacMillan	Trustee
Caroline Cooper	Trustee
Janet Gibson	Trustee
Julie Wales	Trustee
Diane Mackie	Trustee
Anthony Hume	subgroup member
Stewart Beck	NAC
Bruce Davidson	EAW (Lynn Glen Project)
Ian Shaw	Project Kilbirnie
John Hopkins	Dalry Scouts
Jackie Flynn	DCC

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

James McCosh welcomed all, and noted the attendance of trustees and representatives from DCC, EAW, Dalry Scouts, Project Kilbirnie and NAC.

J McC also welcomed Diane Mackie as a new DCDH Trustee.

James indicated that the purpose of tonight's meeting was to continue with our efforts to progress current initiatives, discuss the ongoing transfer of responsibility for NAC facing initiatives from DCDH to DCC, and agree timescales for completion of the DCDH annual report, and the agenda/presentations for AGM scheduled for 29th March 2017.

With the advance notice from Alastair Adamson that he will be retiring from office as Secretary and Trustee of DCDH, the securing of a new Secretary for the March 2017 AGM is also something which should preferably be resolved this evening.

The future upkeep and development of the DCDH website was also discussed:

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

Heather Grossart will now take on the DCDH Website management role from Alastair Adamson during March 2017.

2. Record apologies, and agree minutes of 11th January 2017 trustees meeting. - J McC

Apologies received for Ian Kinghorn, Sheena Woodside, Audrey Hillis and Reg N-Graham was recorded.

The minutes of the 11th January 2017 DCDH trustee business meeting were proposed for acceptance by Heather Grossart and seconded by Catherine MacMillan.



3. Topics to be discussed at this evening's meeting:

- DCDH engagement with new DCC. – update - transfer of agreed issues and progress to date.
The proposed transfer of NAC facing responsibilities from DCDH to DCC is now well in hand. During the transitional period January 2017 to April 2017 a number of North Ayrshire Council facing initiatives, currently being undertaken by DCDH, are now being transferred to the recently established "New" Dalry Community Council.
The long-term aim is that DCDH and DCC will work together to address issues, and endeavor to secure betterment for the community they represent. It is also hoped that other groups will use the synergies of this arrangement to help promote their activities

- DCDH engagement with Project Kilbirnie. – updates

The proposals for the 2017 "Big Fit Walk" – IS confirmed that proposals are currently being developed and that the walk is being planned to take place on 12th August 2017.
DCDH confirmed its ongoing support and Ian offered to provide further updates at the next DCDH meeting.

Kilwinning – Kilbirnie cycle path. – JMcC agreed to attend the Cycle Path meeting being held in Kilbirnie on 22nd February 2017. - JMcC to contact IS to finalise arrangements.
JMcC/SB will provide update at next DCDH meeting./

- **DCDH engagement with Garnock Valley Locality Planning Group. – updates**
No updates to report. – Next LPG meeting March 2017.
- **Roadside Art On Bypass – Progress report**
No updates to report – Next Subgroup meeting March 2017
- **Heritage Trail – Progress report**
JW provided an interesting summary of 20 locations of historical interest already identified. (Appendix A)
A funding application is currently being prepared by JW.
AA offered to provide costing details for the calculation of "in kind" financial contributions to the project.
Further updates will be reported by JW at next DCDH meeting.
- **Dalry Bypass and Den Realignment – further update**
HG reported that DCC has communicated with Kenneth Gibson MSP requesting that a clear and unambiguous statement be given regarding the funding and timescales for both projects. When a reply is received it will be circulated to DCDH and DCC. – Action HG
- **Brighten up Dalry Town Centre – Progress report**
AA reported that significant progress had now been achieved.
Ref: <http://dcdh.btck.co.uk/Projects/BrightenupDalryTownCentre>
AA agreed to contact Ian Kinghorn / Helen Millar to arrange for the completion of the



installation of the Dalry Walks Map at the corner of Bridgend Lane / Bridgend.

- **Centralised Bin Store in Courthill Street – further update**

HG confirmed that DCC would be engaging with NAC to secure a final solution to the problem of domestic and commercial bins being abandoned at the corner of Courthill/Dalry Cross. HG will provide update at next DCDH meeting.

AA reminded HG that DCDH had offered to fund the cost of planters, up to a value of £1,000.00, to help facilitate the resolving of inappropriate parking on pedestrian areas and at the proposed centralised bin store/pick up point.

HG to organise a joint NAC/DCC/DCDH/DAG meeting to discuss.

- **Lynn Glen – Progress report**

Bruce Davidson provided a summary report which highlighted the reasons for the delays currently being experienced, and indicated how the programme would be brought back on track. See February 2017 update: <http://dcdh.btck.co.uk/Projects/LynnGlen>

AA agreed to inform Tesco's and LandTrust of delays, to request suitable extensions to the funding timescales, and to provide both parties with the requested monthly progress report. JMcC agreed to help BD make the necessary contact with Mr York, for mechanical plant access to the base of the bridge at Peden's Point.

JH offered the services of Dalry Scout Troop to assist with any planned volunteer days

- **Community benefit issues – further update**

AA reported that little had changed since the January 2017 meeting.

As Dalry now has a DCC, the concerns raised about the shortfall in community benefits received will now be considered by the community councillors.

AA confirmed that there were still correspondence awaiting responses from NAC and Operators.

DCDH and DCC will continue to work together to highlight the documented concerns in the hope of securing a better outcome for the Dalry community.

- **Dalry Scout Hall – further update**

JH reported that the old Scout Hall was now demolished and the site cleared.

Planning approval now secured and building warrant should be given very soon.

With the successful funding application for £30k from LandTrust, a total of £220k was now in place. This will now allow both ground and first floor plans to be completed. Timescales for completion of build, and building ready for use, is now likely to be August 2017.

JH will provide further updates at next DCDH meeting.

- **22 Sharon Street - further update**

HG confirmed that DCC will now address the issues raised by DCDH with NAC regarding the possible use of the lower section of this site for improved Dalry Campus parking and other longer term community developments.

HG will provide an update at next DCDH meeting.



- **Ayrshire 21 – further update (Myra Sim will give report on youth initiative)**
Myra provided the following report:
The Youth Club is held in St Margaret's church hall on Thursday evenings from 6 till 8 p.m. The first block of 12 sessions run by Gary Tait and David was very successful with around 30 young people attending. Gary offered a very comprehensive programme of activities and discussions culminating in an outing to Barrhead climbing wall. The new session is now doing well with more speakers and varied sports, games and interesting topics. The age limit now begins at 11 years. A committee has been formed from the young people to develop team work and decision making
The club is supported by St Margaret's Kirk Session, hopefully leading to more involvement, which will provide a motivating venue for our youngsters.
- **Installation of Defib at Dalry Town Centre – Progress report**
No further progress to report
- **Defib training – update**
JW has training arrangements in hand.
- **Applications for Funds – update**
No further progress to report
- **Other Funding opportunities – update**
No further progress to report
- **Dalry Play parks enhancements and maintenance – further update**
HG reported that DCC would now pursue this long outstanding action with NAC.
- **Annual reports, and arrangements for March 2017 AGM**
AA confirmed that the annual report and financial report would be completed for submitting for audit by 27th February 2017.
AA (annual report) and SW (financial report).

4. Any other DCDH business?

- **Donation from Mr Howie (owner of Seek House)**
JMcC/SW/AH to progress and report update at next meeting.
- **2 x £10 vouchers received from Paths for All**
AA reported the receipt of 2x£10 Footnotes, High Street vouchers from Paths for All – Decision to be made on spend at next meeting.



- **Leader application – actions?**
No progress to report.
- **Other funding opportunities?**
No progress to report.
- **Actions from 6th February 2017 DCC meeting.**
DCDH to note that DCC were pursuing the taking on of the day to day responsibility for the 2 Dalry Public Notice Boards.
Update from HG at next meeting.
- **AA - CC meeting with the Active Travel Officer – Greg Brown**
On 2nd Feb 2017 AA met with GB – See Appendix B report attached.
- **Appointment of new Secretary.**
Trustees were requested to consider how best to resolve this problem before the next meeting.
- **Joint DCDH/DCC meeting with DCSC (Dalry Community Sports Club)**
HG will arrange meeting
- **Will DSM be willing to take over maintenance responsibility of Courthill St – Rye Bridge refurbished path?**
JMcC will contact Anne Blacklock of NAC to establish if a joint meeting with DSM can be arranged. – JMcC to provide update at next meeting.

5. The next DCDH meeting will be held in Rosearden at 7pm on 15th March 2017

6. Close – expected to be about 9.00 pm



Appendix A

Dalry Heritage Trail

20 locations of historical interest

1. The Cross- The site of weekly farmers market from at least the 17th century . St Margarets church on one side of the cross and the Trinity church on the other. The Library (former Co-Op building, Town House and the site of an earlier public school) is also on the cross.
2. The Auld Hoose- One of the oldest buildings in the town.
3. Volunteer Arms- Oldest family owned pub and unchanged inside since 1958.
4. Public Park - opened in 1893. Dalry Bowling Club, the War Memorial and the “Seek Hoose” are all in the public park.
5. Pitcon House- 1787 but the site of a much older castle, the Pitcons can be traced back to the 13th century.
6. Doggartland House- 1871 Italianate style. An impressive cast iron Bridge with elaborate cast-iron balustrades, crosses the Rye Water within the grounds.
7. Orr’s Academy- Old private school.
8. Cemetery.
9. Broadlie House- First hydro-electric powered house in Ayrshire, 1892.
10. George Houston- one of Scotland’s finest landscape artists born In Main Street Dalry but lived much of his married life at Lynn House, Dalry.
11. Lynn Glen- Links with Bessie Dunlop of Lynn , healer and howdie (midwife) a skeelywife (woman skilled in traditional healing arts) accused of witchcraft and tried at Edinburgh High Court 1576, convicted and burnt probably on the Castle Hill.
- Peden’s Point or much older Celtic name Pinnioch Point located within the glen.
12. Lynn Tollhouse- One of the oldest buildings in the town.
13. Post Office- Old primary school (still has bell housing on the roof) Biggart Fountain next to Post Office.
- 14 Public Hall-1884
15. St Palladius Church-1851
16. David Ross Lauder- VC for bravery Gallipoli, lived and worked in New Street as a carter before going off to fight in the first world war.
- New Street also site of old smiddy on the Whitehart Brae. The Royal or previously The Whitehart a change house in the days of stagecoaches.
17. Blair Castle/House- Original 12th century tower and 17th century House reputed to be the oldest continually inhabited mansion in Scotland.
18. English Church.
19. Tofts Cottage- One of the oldest buildings in the town.
20. Montgomerie’s/The Turf-Dalry Burns Club first met here in 1825. The oldest continuous Burns Club in the world.



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Appendix B

Notes: Meeting with Greg Brown on Thursday 2nd February 2017.

Present: Greg Brown and Alastair Adamson

This provided an opportunity, for those interested in the current and future development of Dalry Walks and the future engagement DCC and DCDH will have with NAC, to meet with Greg the new Active Travel Officer.

The ongoing issues with the Lynn Glen project, what can be done to improve Dalry walks, the current activities associated with “Dalry Heritage Trail” and the potential development of a cycle track through Dalry was on the agenda to be discussed.

This was just an initial “get to know you” meeting and further meetings will no doubt be arranged. AA discussed the purpose of the DCDH and that, for the past 3 years, it has been addressing many local community issues. The overview discussion hopefully provided an insight of what the representatives of Dalry Community are attempting to achieve, and the part they would like NAC to play. Greg noted the many “Active Travel Opportunities” which Dalry could offer if all parties were engaged in the process.

Greg was then informed that all roads leaving Dalry require bridges to cross over rivers. The River Garnock flows through Dalry and in the past supported the water and power needs of our local mills and industry. Dalry also has a wealth of neglected old Track, Railway and path ways worthy of regeneration. With this valued legacy Dalry could no doubt have a very significant role to play in Garnock Connections. The cycle track was discussed. Greg advised that the Garnock Connections delivery team would be meeting to discuss potential projects. Year 2017 would be the Project Development year, and that only a successful submission of a project plan will lead to full funding. Projects have not been selected and full consultation will be undertaken with interested parties and the public.

Consultation events are planned and the most local ones are proposed for the 13th March 2017 in Beith and Kilbirnie.

When consultation event dates, times and locations are confirmed Greg will ensure representatives from the Dalry Community Council and Dalry Community Development Hub and other active Garnock community groups are personally invited to attend.

The DCC & DCDH would be very willing to discuss their concerns with Greg, as early intervention may then result in the correct allocation of resources and funding.

The Dalry Heritage Trail initiative was then made known to Greg, and its synergies with existing Dalry Walks discussed. Greg indicated his intention to visit Dalry on a number of occasions to walk the recorded paths and attempt to establish how they could be developed to create better connectivity. The Lynn Glen project and current progress was also discussed.

Greg was then invited to attend the next DCDH or DCC meeting to secure further information and help cement a joint relationship, which will be an essential element for future understanding and success.