



DALRY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HUB

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Scottish Charity number: SC045464

"Draft" Minutes

Dalry Community Development Hub (DCDH)

Trustee - Business and Progress meeting

Venue: Rosearden, Courthill St. Date: 15th March 2017 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 - apologies
Catherine McMillan	Trustee
Caroline Cooper	Trustee - apologies/resigned
Reg N-Graham	Trustee - apologies
Janet Gibson	Trustee - apologies
Julie Wales	Trustee
Diane Mackie	Trustee
Anthony Hume	subgroup member - apologies
Audrey Hillis	NAC
Helen Miller	NAC - declined invitation
Stewart Beck	NAC - apologies
Greg Brown	NAC ?
Bruce Davidson	EAW (Lynn Glen)
Ian Shaw	Project Kilbirnie
Rick Standley	Project Kilbirnie & On Yer Bike Ayrshire
John Hopkins	Dalry Scouts - apologies
Simon McGrory	Project officer - Garnock Connections
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, Project Kilbirnie/ On Yer Bike Ayrshire, Garnock Connections and NAC.

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

Securing a new Secretary for the March 2017 AGM will require to be resolved this evening.

The future upkeep and development of the DCDH website, having been agreed at the February meeting, will be passed from Alastair to Heather at the end of this month: <http://dcdh.btck.co.uk>



2. Record apologies, and agree minutes of 15th February 2017 trustees meeting. - J McC

Apologies received for Caroline Cooper (resigned), John Hopkins, Heather Grossart, Reg N Graham, Anthony Hume, Janet Gibson and Stewart Beck was recorded.

The minutes of the 15th February 2017 DCDH trustee business meeting were proposed for acceptance by Hamish Harkness and seconded by Myra Sim .

3. Agree actions to be considered in advance of 2nd AGM of DCDH, Wednesday 29th March 2017, Rosearden, 7pm – 9pm.

- **Ensure that arrangements for the AGM are compliant with constitution.**
AA confirmed that he would complete any required outstanding actions in advance of the meeting.
- **Approve proposed New Secretary / Trustee for the AGM.**
JMcC confirmed that this has still to be resolved. – Action JMcC
- **Agree proposed Agenda for AGM.**
Agreed.
- **Names of those who confirmed that they are willing to stand for re-election.**
James McCosh
Sheena Woodside
Myra Sim
Julie Wales
Diane Mackie

Alastair Adamson, Caroline Cooper, Hamish Harkness and Catherine McMillan have all indicated their intention not to stand for re-election.

AA was asked to contact the following, in advance of the AGM, to establish if it was their intention to stand for re-election:

Heather Grossart
Reg N-Graham
Janet Gibson

- **New names willing to stand for election as trustees.**
A number of people have already indicated that they would consider offering their services to DCDH as Trustees and or Subgroup members.
Trustees offered to follow this up by providing a personal invite from DCDH to those currently identified as being potential candidates.
Robert Cuthbertson, Jackie Shaw and Helen Aitken.



4. Other topics to be discussed at this evening's meeting:

- **DCDH engagement with new DCC.**
JMcC confirmed that the revised arrangements were all nearly completed and planned revisions would be in place by 1st April 2017
- **DCDH engagement with Project Kilbirnie.**
IS confirmed that present joint initiative arrangements were working well, and that he hoped for further involvement in the years to come. The Muir Trust tree planting was progressing well, and an open invitation was again extended to DCDH to get involved.
- **DCDH engagement with Garnock Valley Locality Planning Group.**
CMcM gave an update of current LPG activities, and indicated that there may be changes to the membership of GVLPG after the May elections. Currently the group are focusing on the new Local Development Plan and the prioritising of tasks.
AA asked if the prioritising of tasks also included those identified in the outputs from the Ayrshire21, Charett and Go Garnock consultations. CMcM confirmed that this was the case.
- **Roadside Art On Bypass**
JW indicated that there was no further progress to report since the February DCDH meeting. JW indicated that Falkirk LPG had allocated 1% of their budget for an Art Fund, and asked if any funding for Local Art was catered for in the GVLPG budget?
CMcM stated that, as far as she was aware that no such arrangement existed with GVLPG funds.
- **Dalry Heritage Trail**
JW reported that the Heritage Lottery Fund application was nearing completion. Outstanding advice from HLF and details related to Name and Address of Organisation, Contact Names, Charity Registration Details, Constitution, Accounts and proposed Banking arrangements if the application is successful, will be the subject of final agreement with DCDH trustees.
JW agreed to circulate a copy of the final draft, to DCDH trustees for information and comment, before the application is submitted to the HLF.
- **Garnock Connections**
Simon Mc Grory spoke about the "Garnock Connections" initiative and confirmed that there would be further opportunities to find out more about the funding opportunities and timescales.
Plans to develop a forward-thinking landscape partnership across the Garnock Valley in Ayrshire have been given the go ahead following a funding award from the Heritage Lottery Fund.



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Garnock Connections, which covers an area stretching from Lochwinnoch to Irvine, with the River Garnock at its heart, has secured the award as part of a £220,000 development phase, which also includes funding from Ayrshire LEADER.

This phase will enable the creation of a suite of projects which will ultimately form a £2m initiative, set to begin in 2018. The projects will aim to restore a network of wildlife habitats and historic sites, as well as encourage local people to become involved through public engagement, training and volunteering opportunities.

The landscape partnership is made up of Historic Environment Scotland, North Ayrshire Council, RSPB Scotland, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Scottish Wildlife Trust.

<https://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/news/funding-success-for-garnock-connections>

- **Dalry Bypass and Den Realignment**

AA confirmed that the DCC had asked Jamie Greene MSP to ask the Transport Minister in Parliament for an adequate response to our concerns regarding the continued delays on this project.

- **Brighten up Dalry Town Centre**

AA reported that no response had been received as yet from NAC, regarding completion of outstanding "Dalry Walks Map" works at the corner of Bridgend/Bridgend Lane. Ref "e" mail to Ian Kinghorn. AA confirmed that he would now contact Thomas Reaney to establish why this work was still to be completed.

As the outstanding Town Centre and Parking signs were provided prior to the 15th February DCDH meeting, the Dalry Walks Map is now the only issues to be resolved. JMcC commented that the success of this initiative demonstrated how DCDH working with NAC could result in successful outcome for the community.

- **Centralised Bin Store in Courthill Street**

AA reported that no response has as yet been received from NAC / DCC about requested meeting.

DCDH confirmed that the trustees were still willing to fund two new planters at a total cost of approx. £1k.

- **Lynn Glen – Progress report**

Bruce eventually managed to speak to John Jamieson on 13th March. He initially indicated that it will be Wednesday 15th or Thursday 16th before he would be on site. He promised to phone on 14th March to confirm. Bruce finally received confirmation earlier this evening that work would start on Friday 17th March.

Bruce is confident about the expenditure as he is sure that when John Jamieson does get on site, he will make a very rapid impact. We will need materials on site for the volunteer work on 25th March and Bruce will try and make sure he prioritises this to allow an event to be planned.



- **Other Dalry Walks**

Concern about the condition of the Dalry Walks was discussed, and it was agreed that DCDH could consider applying for available funds to help repair the damage. AA offered to contact Greg Brown to suggest that this could be discussed and, like the Lynn Glen refurbishment project, tackled as a joint NAC/DCDH initiative. As this would no doubt result in Greg walking the paths, he could also be accompanied by someone from DCC/DCDH to the section of path outside Wilson's which is currently cause for concern raised at the DCC meeting.

- **Community benefit issues – further update AA/HG**

The information requested from NAC regarding funds provided to DPBT by CWPL has still to be received. It was however noted that a schedule of payments made by DPBT to beneficiaries had been placed on a number of public notice boards in Dalry. No further progress to report since last meeting.

- **Dalry Scout Hall – further update received by “e” mail from JH.**

The 55th Ayrshire (Dalry) Scout Group committee met on Monday this week and, following a competitive tender process, appointed a local contractor to build the new Scout & Community Hall. Works will commence within the next few weeks. The Group are absolutely delighted that this project is finally underway, following very many months of hard fundraising.

- **22 Sharon Street - further update**

As part of the transfer of initiatives, this will now be progressed by DCC.

- **Ayrshire 21**

Audrey Hillis confirmed the ongoing success of the Youth Club held in St Margaret's church hall on Thursday evenings from 6 till 8 p.m., as reported at the February 2017 DCDH meeting.

It was agreed that any other issues highlighted in Ayrshire21, Charett, Go Garnock and any further community consultations should be first addressed by the Garnock Valley Community Partnership.

- **Installation of Defibrillator at Dalry Town Centre.**

No further update to report since last meeting.
JW will report at next meeting.

- **Defibrillator training**

Julie Wales confirmed that a total of 20 people had attended the defibrillator training courses held in Dalry Fire Station. Attendees confirmed that the course was very informative and had provided the opportunity for the training of a further 20 people in the use of this very important piece of life saving equipment.



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- **Funding opportunities**

AH highlighted a number of funding opportunities for the trustees to consider. Dalry Heritage Trail Subgroup is currently completing an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. As there was no other specific project currently developed to a stage for a funding application to be made it was agreed that any further applications should not be considered until after the AGM.

- **Dalry Play parks enhancements and maintenance.**

No further update from last months report as this was now being addressed by DCC SW raised concerns about the continued delay with the proposed works in the Dalry park children's play area. Catherine McMillan indicated that funding was in place and said that she couldn't understand why the work had not been completed. DCC to be asked to contact Thomas Reaney for further update.

- **Annual reports and arrangements for March 2017 AGM**

AA provided the agenda for the AGM and confirmed that copies of "Draft" Annual Report and Accounts would be circulated to trustees and posted to the DCDH website in advance of the meeting. Copies of the March 2016 AGM can be found on the DCDH website:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site12788/160302%20meeting%20notes%20-%20Dalry%20Community%20Development%20Hub.pdf>

5. Any other DCDH business?

- **Donation from Mr. Howie (owner of Seek House) – JMcC/SW/AH**

This topic has now been discussed, and arrangements are in hand for an agreed process for the receipt of the annual donation offered by Mr. Howie.

- **DCC / DCDH meeting with DCSC**

Sheena Woodside gave a short resume of the discussion which took place with representatives of DCC/DCDH/DCSC at the meeting in Dalry Primary School on Tuesday 14th March 2017. An action was placed on DCSC to provide a report on how they intended to develop the outcome of the 2015 Dalry Park consultants report, and also detail their new proposals for further development of indoor sports facilities in Dalry.

- **2 x £10 vouchers received from Paths for All – How should it be spent?**

The meeting agreed that the vouchers would be used to help with the purchase of refreshments for the proposed 25th March 2017 Volunteer day at Lynn Glen.



- **Subgroup structures for 2017-2018**

Lynn Glen Subgroup members:

Sheena Woodside
James McCosh
Audrey Hillis
Hamish Harkness
Alastair Adamson

Dalry Heritage Trail Subgroup members:

Julie Wales – DCDH trustee
Myra Sim – DCDH trustee
John Hodgart
Fiona Middler
Jacqueline Shaw
Helen Walker

Art on the Bypass Subgroup members:

Julie Wales – DCDH trustee
Myra Sim – DCDH trustee
John Hodgart
Fiona Middler
Jacqueline Shaw
Helen Walker

6. Date of next meeting:

It was agreed that the next DCDH trustee business meeting would be held on Wednesday 12th April 2017, in Rosearden, from 7 pm to 9 pm.

7. Close 9.00 pm