



DALRY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HUB

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Dalry Community Development Hub (DCDH)

Trustee - Business and Progress meeting

Venue: Rosearden, Courthill St. Date: 12th April 2017 Time: 7.00 pm start.

In Attendance:

James McCosh, Sheena Woodside, Myra Sim, Julie Wales, Alan McGinley, John Higgins, Ian Shaw, Heather Grossart, Diane Mackie, Helen Aitken and Audrey Hillis.

Apologies

Janet Gibson

Welcome and introductions

James welcomed Alan McGinlay and John Higgins to the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by S. Woodside and seconded by M. Sim.

Matters Arising

None

DCD Hubs engagement with DCC

Both groups are now working within clearly defined roles. Communication at this stage is good and every effort should be made to ensure this continues.

Garnock Connections Meeting

J. McCosh discussed the recent meeting with the Garnock Connections Team.

James explained that this was a Landscape Partnership project which aims to restore a network of wildlife habitats and historic sites as well as encouraging local people to get involved through public engagement, training and volunteering. He said that the possibility of linking themes, geographic areas and people is an exciting prospect. A total of £2 million in funds is available to enable a suite of projects to take place.

S. Beck (NAC) is hosting a blog, which will hopefully encourage people to submit their project ideas.

Garnock Connections organised a series of walks: Spiers School, Doggartland and Irvine Beach Park. Further walks will be organised in the future.



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Locality Planning

Meeting cancelled – someone will be appointed to take over Catherine McMillan's role once elections have taken place.

Art on the Bypass

There will be an exhibition of children's artwork. The best will be chosen by the public and the artist will be featured in the local press.

J. McCosh said that the Bypass and Den Re-alignment are on schedule and that no contract has yet been awarded for the Bypass.

Town Centre

The defibrillator and cabinet are now in the Be Green shop and Andrew Hale will appoint electricians to erect the cabinet outside the shop.

Members were still happy for the Hub to buy additional planters but there is still an issue on who will plant and maintain them. It was suggested that Helen Miller, (Streetscene) should be contacted for suggestions.

S. Woodside stressed that a motorised sweeper still needs access which could create problems in the future. Sheena said that cars are still parking in front of the semi-circle bench and that the new planter should be placed in a more prominent position or alternatively a bollard should be erected.

All Town Centre Regeneration projects have been transferred to the Community Council.

Lynn Glen

Alastair Adamson has requested that a sign is erected to say that no motorised vehicles will be permitted. It is envisaged that the planned work will be completed by August 2017. A picnic area will be created near the car park and further funding is required.

22 Sharon Street

D. Mackie and H. Grossart attended the presentation hosted by NAC. Concerns about traffic management were alleviated to some extent by the plan to erect 'Give Way' signs. Room for extra parking will be provided at the bottom part of the car park.

There is a need to decide what the Community Council are looking to achieve.

Ayrshire 21

No update.



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Funding Opportunities

J. McCosh reported that Gareth Picken, Regeneration Officer for NAC had attended the Garnock Connections meeting with information that a £90,000 project allocation had been awarded for the site of the former gasworks at North Street, Dalry. Funding will be directed towards 'green activities' with a health, training and long term management focus. The funding comes from the Scottish Government with match funding expected from external sources. The extent of contamination has still to be identified. The department is looking to the community for assistance to identify opportunities which would be beneficial to the environment and the community.

Ideas were discussed including using the site for car parking. A question arose as to whether the £90,000 would include decontamination costs. Another idea was to erect a building to be used for a sport/community base.

Dalry Community Sports Club discussed their plans to apply for the asset transfer of Dalry Public Park and stressed the lack of investment in Dalry. Their plan to build a 'substantial' building which could become a community focal point to include the local pharmacy amongst other businesses and facilities. It was stressed that groups and organisations need to work together to achieve the best outcomes for Dalry.

Accounts

The accounts have still to be sent to OSCR.

Plug the Gap

Ian reported that the group were due to meet consultant – Swedco the following week to discuss the feasibility study and other tasks.

Secretarial Role

Sheena stressed that the secretary's role still requires to be filled.

D.O.N.M

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th May at 7.00 pm in the Rosearden Centre.