



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:** 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017    **Time:** 7.00 pm start.

## **In Attendance**

Sheena Woodside (Chair), Alastair Adamson, Myra Sim, Diane Mackie, Helen Aitken, Julie Wales, Hamish Harkness, Anthony Hume, Audrey Hillis, Bruce Davidson (East Ayrshire Woodland), Ian Shaw (Project Kilbirnie), Rick Standley (Project Kilbirnie), John Higgins (Dalry Community Sports Club), Councillor Robert Barr, Councillor Todd Ferguson, Councillor Joy Brahim, Liz Leyden.

## **1. Welcome/Introduction**

S. Woodside chaired the meeting in the absence of J.McCosh & Heather Grossart. Sheena welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular our newly elected councillors and asked them to give their consideration to becoming trustee's of DCDH.

Liz Leyden was also welcomed to her first meeting of the DCDH.

## **2. Agree and appoint new Secretary/Trustee**

After much discussion, the issue of appointing a new secretary was only partly resolved.

The updating of the DCDH website has since April 2017 been carried out by Heather Grossart.

Myra Sim agreed to take minutes of every future meeting, however, the wider remit involved in the role of secretary i.e. the preparing of agenda, general correspondence etc., has still to be filled.

## **3. Record apologies and agree previous minutes.**

Apologies were received from; James McCosh, Heather Grossart, Janet Gibson, Thomas Reaney (NAC, Streetscene), Stewart Beck (NAC, Community Development Team), Louise Kirk (NAC, Active Travel Manager), John Hopkins (Dalry Scout Hall Project), Simon McGrory (Garnock Connections), Allan McGinley (Dalry Community Sports Club).

The minutes of the trustee's meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> April were proposed by D. Mackie and seconded by M. Sim.



#### **4. Discuss actions agreed at the last meeting.**

It was agreed that this would be covered by the rest of the agenda items

#### **5. Other topics to be discussed at this evening's meeting:**

- **DCDH engagement with our three recently elected Councillors**

S. Woodside reiterated how pleased she was to see the elected members present and extended invitations to become trustees. Alastair agreed to help facilitate the forwarding of application forms to those indicating an interest in becoming a DCDH Trustee.

- **DCDH engagement with new DCC.**

Sheena reported that the new arrangements were working well. Roles and remits were clearly defined and communication was working well.

- **DCDH engagement with Project Kilbirnie.**

Rick Standley Chair of P.K, reported that they have been working with consultants for several months in a bid to prepare an updated feasibility study of the Kilbirnie - Kilwinning Cycle Path Route. The key issue at this stage was the identification of landowners in order to secure agreement. A letter has been drafted by SWECO which will be sent to relevant landowners within the next few weeks. Rick admitted that he wasn't entirely happy about the lack of information and promise of regular meetings. He suggested all elected councillors should be asked to put on record that they support the initiative. This was supported by all present. J. Higgins added that The DCSC were fully behind the project.

Big Fit Walk – The event will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August between 11-3.00 pm. There will be 2 walking routes leaving from Bridgend C.C where the event will be held. There is a Gaelic theme this year, with a varied activities including graffiti art, basketball, arts and crafts.



- **DCDH engagement with Garnock Valley Locality Planning Group.**

Councillor John Bell has been appointed as the new Chair of the Locality Partnership. The next meeting will take place in June.

- **Roadside Art On Bypass – Subgroup progress report by JW**

- Julie distributed the proposal she received following her meeting with M.Francis and J.Kerr. J. Hodgert plans to carry out 'Bessie Dunlop/Ayrshire witches' workshops in schools, sheltered housing complexes and others. R. Standley suggested that there should be a link between both cycle and heritage path projects.

J. Wales indicated that the cost of the total Art on the Bypass project could be in excess of £300k. Alastair suggested that the DCDH trustees would require considering the possible consequences of managing such a large amount of funding and activities associated with the Subgroups work, and to determine if the Hub was appropriately constituted and insured for this type of activity. All proposed funding submissions by any subgroup should be forwarded to all trustees for comment in advance of any application being made.

- **Garnock Connections – Progress report - S McG**

In the absence of S.McGrory, I. Shaw reported that Garnock Connections funding was still available for groups and organisations who wish to work together to develop initiatives such as heritage trails, archaeological digs, cultural heritage projects etc. Everyone was reminded that the deadline for project proposals was the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017. This is not a lot of time but they really are just looking for project ideas at the moment (although any detail people can supply by way of timescale, budget, possible matched funding would be helpful). The project concept form can be downloaded from the website: [www.garnockconnections.org.uk](http://www.garnockconnections.org.uk)

- **Dalry Bypass and Den Realignment**

The main contract has now been awarded. The Den- Realignment Project will go through procurement this year, with a possible completion date in the year 2020. There have been regular discussions with landowners which appear to be going well.



- **Brighten up Dalry Town Centre**

The responsibility for this project has been transferred to Dalry Community Council. Three planters are now at the church wall with the 3 tier planter to remain. Another planter has yet to be situated at the semi-circle seat area at Dalry Cross. However, it was highlighted that a motorised sweeper still needs access, and the planter would require being located in a fashion to give access to the motorised sweeper and yet discourage the current inconsiderate parking of vans and cars on the pavement. It was agreed that the Hub should continue with their plans to buy more planters. NAC, Streetscene has agreed to supply recycled compost and bedding plants.

- **Centralised Bin Store in Courthill Street**

It was reported that DCC was still pursuing this issue with NAC

**Lynn Glen – Progress report – BD/AA**

It was reported that very good progress was now being achieved, and that it was anticipated all contactors plant and machinery would be off site by end of June 2017. DCDH now require securing the assistance of volunteers to complete the lighter aspects of the Lynn Glen restoration programme.

- **Other Dalry Walks**

No further update to report

- **Community benefit issues – further update**

No further update to report

- **Dalry Scout Hall – further update – JH**

In the absence of John Hopkins, Alastair Adamson read out the update he had received:

"The Scout Group have at last received authorisation from our last remaining funder to proceed with the hall rebuild. Works are now progressing well. Foundations are complete and masonry sub-walls are currently being laid. Underground drainage and services will be installed over the coming few weeks. The new Scout Hall is currently scheduled for completion mid October



2017.

The Scout Group have established a new community Facebook page to serve as a journal of progress. This can be found by searching 'Dalry Scout Hall rebuild'

The Scout Group would again like to thank members of the Community Development Hub for all your support and encouragement."

- **22 Sharon Street - further update**

As representatives of DCC, D. Mackie and H. Grossart attended a recent presentation by NAC, which was open to all local residents. They reported that it is proposed that a new give-way sign would be erected to give priority to those entering and leaving the new development at Watt Court.

Concerns were expressed that this could cause even further traffic congestion accessing and leaving the School Campus.

This and the subject of extra parking being made available at the bottom part of the site to improve the School Campus traffic management is still being pursued by DCC.

- **Ayrshire 21**

No update to report

- **Installation of Defib at Dalry Town Centre – JW**

JW reported that the defib is presently stored inside the Be Green Shop. It has still to be erected outside by an electrician from NAC.

- **Funding opportunities**

No further progress to report

- **Dalry Play parks enhancements and maintenance**

DCC has this in hand

- **Annual report 2015/2016 – confirmation of acceptance by OSCR**

Sheena Woodside reported that the DCDH accounts had been submitted to OSCR and confirmation of acceptance received

- **Plug the Gap**

J McCosh will provide an update at next meeting.  
The cycle track concept may at last become a reality.



- **Donation from Mr Howie (owner of Seek House)**

No further progress to report

- **Community Sports Club – Update report on proposed project Dalry**

John Higgins, Dalry Community Sports Club reminded everyone that a project allocation of £90,000 has been made available by NAC to develop the site of the former gasworks in North Street, Dalry. Funding will be allocated towards green activities with a health, training and long term management focus. This is funding from the Scottish Government which should be match funded from other sources. It was noted that there will be significant contamination on the site, the nature and extent of which is still unknown. It is unclear whether a section of the funding will be used to decontaminate the site or if this will come from other sources. It was agreed that there was a need for further car parking and access from Braehead would be preferable.

J.Higgins emphasised that there is a need for a building which is sport and community based and acts as a community focus point. He said the original consultation report needs updated. The Dalry Community Sports Club intends to approach NAC for costs towards a new feasibility study.

## **6. Any other DCDH business?**

- **DCDH annual insurance renewal**

Should DCDH apply to DPBT for funding to cover annual running costs?

- **Vouchers from Paths of All.**

The vouchers will be used to purchase bedding plants for New Street “Stalled Space”.

- **DCDH monthly trustee business meetings**

Should all further DCDH meetings be open, rather than having 2 public meetings every year? Public can attend as observers and, if considered appropriate by Chair, may be allowed to raise an issue not on the agenda. Is this something the Trustees would wish to consider?

- Date of next meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## **7. Close – 9.30 pm**