

BYPASS ART

SUB GROUP OF DALRY COMMUNITY HUB

Minutes of Meeting Wednesday 31st May 2017

Present : Julie Wales
John Hodgart
Myra Sim
Sheena Woodside

Apologies : Janet Seaton, Kirsty McNab

Copies: Dalry Community Hub

Minutes / Letters of Support

Julie went over the minutes of the April meeting these were approved. Letters of Support have now been received from both Primary Schools, apologies received for tonight's meeting details above.

Heritage Trail

A list of proposed historical sites around the town has been drawn up and these were distributed to the group, there are 21 sites in all. Everyone was asked for their thoughts, Jackie suggested another plaque should be added for Dalry Community Centre covering the centre and Dalry Thistle Football Club. The locations can be changed or more sites/ buildings nearby to the main locations can be added. NAC have asked us to limit the amount of plaques to around 20. The plaques cost approx. £300 each this includes installation. There will also be 2 Notice Boards detailing the trail, one at Bridgend Lane across from the train station and one at the Post Office Corner. The approx. cost of the trail is £6,000. Jackie suggested that the group walk around the Kilwinning Heritage Trail to help get an idea of what amount of information is at each site. Each location on the trail will be researched both online and at the Heritage Centre Saltcoats.

Picture Boards & Memory Trail

At previous meetings, it was agreed that we would like something to remind people of Dalry's Industrial Heritage and we have come up with the idea of erecting 2 picture boards or one large curved board. This would be high above the metal curved seat at the corner on the Cross beside the Be Green Shop. Enquiries have been made about this piece of ground and no one knows who owns it although NAC are maintaining it. It was suggested that the boards could have a collage of Old Dalry Photos showing sites that no longer existed, e.g. mills, mines, brickworks, miners' rows, old street scenes etc. We could also add in a Memory Trail to this theme with plaques similar to the heritage trail. The Picture Boards would also improve this corner on the cross as it lets the cross down. Planning permission may be required.

Written in Stone / Pavement Patter

Another idea that was previously discussed was the Written in Stone Project this can be seen in Irvine at various locations; Interesting Facts, Scottish Words, Historical Event Dates are carved into pavements and steps around the town centre and harbour. We would like to do a smaller similar project in Dalry the possible location could be the diagonal path at the Post Office Corner. We could have Facts about; Well Known Dalry People, Local Poetry/ Song Quotes.

Memory Wall / Plaques

Another Project that had been discussed previously was the Memory Wall at Saltcoats with peoples' memories of going to the seaside. We would like to do a similar project involving school children from both primaries visiting the residents of Regal & Watt Courts. The children would interview the pensioners about their memories of living in Dalry and they would have a list of questions to ask them. We would collate the answers and put some of the memories on plaques and mount them on a memory wall. After discussions on the location of the wall it was agreed that the site next to Rosearden where the Fountain used to sit would be an excellent location.

Bessie on the Bypass

Julie gave examples of other pieces of Public Art in Scotland and the costs involved. It was agreed that the Sculpture should be of an equivalent size to Aria (The Mermaid) on A80. It was agreed that £200,000 would be a reasonable cost to apply for. John Hodgart & James Dippie have planned to go into the local primary schools in October and involve the P7 pupils in workshops, telling the true story of Bessie, acting out scenes from the play and singing traditional Scottish songs.

Garnock Connections Funding

Funding for all the above projects is being applied for through Garnock Connections as one single application. If the application is unsuccessful we will apply to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Jane Kerr & Marion Francis (Consultants) will assist us with the applications and help us source other funding if necessary.

Old Photo Exhibition

Discussions had taken place at another group regarding a photo exhibition of Old Dalry to be displayed at Rosearden. Louise Ross said that she had lots of old photos/ films belonging to her grandfather and she would like to print copies and sell them with the money going to charity and that this exhibition might be of interest to our group. The Burns Club also have an excellent library of photos so a collaboration of local groups could be involved in this exhibition.

Quiz Night Fundraiser

It had previously been agreed that some sort of fundraising was required to cover costs such as hall lets and sundries. Jackie has suggested that we have a Quiz Night & Raffle in the Volunteer Arms, around late September, **Action – Jackie** to speak to Liam to confirm event.

NEXT MEETING at ROSEARDEN on WEDNESDAY 12th JULY 7.00pm