



DALRY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HUB

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Scottish Charity number: SC045464

Minutes

Dalry Community Development Hub (DCDH)

Trustee - Business and Progress meeting

Venue: Rosearden, Courthill St. Date: 23st August 2017 Time: 7.00 pm start.

Invited Attendees

James McCosh	Chair -	apologies
Maureen Denningberg	Secretary	
Sheena Woodside	Treasurer -	
Myra Sim	Trustee -	
Heather Grossart	Trustee -	apologies
Reg N-Graham	Trustee -	
Janet Gibson	Trustee -	apologies
Julie Wales	Trustee -	apologies
Diane Mackie	Trustee -	
Helen Aitken	Trustee	

Councillor Joy Brahim	- Trustee	apologies
Anthony Hume	subgroup member	
Alastair Adamson	subgroup member	apologies
Audrey Hillis	NAC -	apologies
Thomas Reaney	NAC	
Helen Miller	NAC -	
Stewart Beck	NAC -	apologies
Louise Kirk	NAC	
Bruce Davidson	EAW (Lynn Glen) -	
Ian Shaw	Project Kilbirnie -	apologies
Rick Standley	Project Kilbirnie -	
To be confirmed	Dalry Scout Hall	
Simon McGrory	Project officer - Garnock Connections	
John Higgins	DCSC	
Councillor Robert Barr		
Councillor Todd Ferguson		
Jackie Flynn	DCC -	

Present as per Sederunt:

Sheena Woodside, Maureen Denningberg, Myra Sim, Helen Aitken, Diane Mackie, Bruce Davidson, Rick Standley, Simon McGrory, John Higgins



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1. Welcome/Introduction - purpose of meeting

Main purpose was to confirm arrangements for Lynn Glen Open Day and receive update on Project Kilbirnie.

2. Record apologies, and agree minutes of 24th May 2017 trustees meeting.

Apologies and those present as recorded above.

Minutes proposed by Diane Mackie and seconded by Myra Sim.

3. Discuss actions agreed at the last meeting.

JW to apply to Weir Trust for funding. – JW not present
Lynn Glen - BD – report on progress – see below
Contact with Scouts - MD – no communication received as yet

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

- DCDH engagement with our three Councillors

As Councillors have just returned from recess nothing to report.

Discussion took place re the need for a Strategic Vision for Garnock Valley – employment opportunities, education strategy for positive destinations, community resources.

- DCDH engagement with DCC.

Next meeting 4th September.

- DCDH engagement with Project Kilbirnie.

Rick Standley gave an overview of projects.

Big Fit Walk was a huge success with considerably greater than the 100 people expected attending. Special thanks given to those from Dalry who helped with stewardship and in many other ways. It is proposed to increase this next year with events across all towns in Garnock Valley – perhaps one each in May, June, July and August.



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Loch Shore development – it is proposed to have houses, camping site, play area, willow plantation for use in bio-mass boilers, visitors' center, changing facilities. It is also proposed to have water remediation to enable swimming, a beach may be created.

An organic farming project, CUFF (Community Urban Food Farming), is to be started led by Robbie Gass from Hazeldene. This, if established successfully, will provide employment on various sites across Garnock Valley. One site, agreed in principle, will be at Loch Shore. The next step will be to identify further sites and provide training opportunities. These will be commercial farms which will be run individually.

Rick and James to meet with Audrey Sutton re cycle path in near future.

- DCDH engagement with Garnock Valley Locality Planning Group.

No further update

- Roadside Art On Bypass –

Next meeting of this group 20th September, 7pm at Rosearden

- Heritage Trail – Subgroup progress report received from Julie Wales

I met up with Audrey, Stuart and Simon McGrory at Kilbirnie Community Hub to discuss a project that would record the memories of people who had worked in the various mills and factories in the valley.

The Garnock connections initiative was discussed and there are all sorts of exciting things to come with training opportunities in filming and interview techniques which will be very useful for projects like the above.

Festival events are planned and invites extended to groups to make a short 5 minute film of their project or something pertinent to their project

People from the various community groups who plan a heritage trail with guided walks will receive tour guide training.

All very positive with one negative, Garnock Connections cannot say at this point when things like the heritage trail can go ahead, a master plan is in the creation.

All we can do is make sure we are ready when they contact us, they estimate this will be in 3 or 4 months time to give us an idea of when we can timetable our trail. I feel it would be quicker to proceed with our other items (written in stone at the Biggart Fountain, wall of memories, sign boards and photo exhibition) and apply for full funding independently of Garnock Connections.

Julie is planning to have a quiz, themed round Dalry heritage. Details to be advised.



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- Garnock Connections – Progress report - S McG

Simon advised that 98 project concepts had been received which was many more than anticipated. All projects must fit all aspects of the set criteria for Landscape Partnership Scheme. Of the £2m allocated £1.6m will be divided between projects with the remainder being used for running costs. An Interpretation Plan is the present focus which has to be submitted in November. A decision re acceptance will be delivered late March. To be successful this plan must have an overall vision which meets the criteria. Heritage trails across the Garnock Valley must have a level of consistency. This would include all media eg signage, films, QR codes etc. Any plans must ensure long term sustainability.

Simon advised that any data collected during the drawing up of the plan would be available to all. This could include data about audience perception which would be valuable in deciding on future projects.

Simon also asked for ideas in relation to an events programme. Rick advised that the proposed development of the Big Fit Walks might be included and themed to meet criteria.

- Dalry Bypass and Den Realignment

No further update.

- Brighten up Dalry Town Centre

Planters are now with Ogilvie to be painted black and gold. This will cost approx. £500 from the allocated £1000.

Discussion took place re the placement of these planters. Dalry Action Group had been consulted incase the planters would affect the Christmas lights. This was not deemed to be a problem.

It was agreed that decals would be included on the planters. Possibly in gold. Heather is at present dealing with sourcing this. She will email all trustees re price. As time was of an essence it was agreed that once this price had been confirmed a decision should be made within 4 days of receiving quote. Sheena would also source a price to ensure the Ogilvie quote was competitive.

Action: All trustees to reply to email within 4 days of receiving such. No reply will be deemed to be acceptance.



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- Lynn Glen – Progress report – BD/AA

Steps are being rebuilt. Distance to haul materials being a problem.

Collapsed sleeper now rebuilt.

Some water damage has been sustained at beginning of walk due to lack of drainage.

Trees will be cut.

Willow now cut back.

All fencing which does not perform a function will be removed.

Options were discussed to help mitigate cattle coming into picnic area. Assurance is needed that no cattle will be in the vicinity during Open Day. James to meet with farmer asap. Picnic tables cannot be permanently installed until there is a resolution to this issue. A fence could be installed, as a temporary measure, but this would detract from the experience of visitors to this area. Simon advised that temporary tables may be sourced from District Rangers – Graeme Walla and Amanda Downie, for the Open Day. He would email addresses to Maureen.

Signs are ready apart from map.

Boulder to be removed asap.

Open day – Sports Club are providing grill. Sheena has ordered burgers and will get drinks etc. Hub Trustees should attend to talk to those visiting about becoming volunteers. This will sustain the work already taken place and maintain the walk for the future.

Bruce was commended for all his hard work in reinstating this walk. Without him and his team this would not have been possible.

Action:

James to meet with farmer

Trustees to attend Open Day

All works to be completed

Sheena to contact District Rangers once addresses had been received from Maureen

- Other Dalry Walks

No further information

- Community benefit issues – further update

No further progress



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- Dalry Scout Hall

It would appear that due to submission of paper work not being received in a timely fashion work will not be completed until at least April 2018.

This was very distressing as the original timescale had been October 2017.

Communication with Scouts was proving to be very difficult.

Action

Maureen again to try and establish a link person from Scouts

- 22 Sharon Street -

Work due to start in October. No further update.

- Installation of Defib at Dalry Town Centre – JW

A red light is flashing. At present it was unknown whether the electricity was connected.

- Funding opportunities –

Funding still to be looked into. BD has benches – a metal style of bench was discussed.

- Plug the Gap

Rick advised that all groups were very happy with the progress being made. All landowners between Kilbirnie and Dalry had been lettered. Response had been very positive. PTG have stressed to these landowners that any problems will be resolved in a fashion favourable to them.

SUSTRANS have a new director who had advised that the new policy direction is about connections. This would indicate that PTG projects have become a priority.

Consultants need to look at plans and decide on an eventual route taking into account feedback from landowners.

- Donation offered by Mr Howie (owner of Seek House)

No further contact has been made.

This item will be taken off the agenda and will come back as AOCB if contact re-established.



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- Community Sports Club – Update report on proposed project Dalry JH/AMcG

Workshops to take place on 24th August. These will showcase plans for the various towns. An initial meeting with Sports Scotland has still to take place but should be confirmed in the near future.

JH proposed that there should be a town meeting to form a pressure group with the remit of strongly advising NA about lack of allocated funding for Dalry and the issues it has. The disparity between funding allocated to Irvine and that of the Garnock Valley was an issue which had to be highlighted. A strategic plan involving the establishment of a community facility was needed. This would encourage people to stay in the area and thus increase the economy of Dalry.

Action: John to develop this idea.

- Note Subgroup structures for 2017-2018

Art on the Bypass Subgroup members:

Julie Wales – DCDH trustee

Myra Sim – DCDH trustee

John Hodgart

Fiona Middler

Jacqueline Shaw

Helen Walker

5. Any other DCDH business

Myra Sim advised that the Youth Club at St Margaret's Church was very successful. This is run by Gary Tait. This was an initiative established by DCDH.

6. The meeting closed at 9pm

Next meeting: 27 September at 7pm

Venue: Rosearden