



**DALRY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HUB**

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**Scottish Charity number: SC045464**

## **Dalry Community Development Hub (DCDH)**

### **Public Meeting**

**Venue:** Rosearden, Courthill St.    **Date:** 8 November 2017    **Time:** 7.00 pm

This is a Public meeting organized by DCDH. It brings together various clubs, organisations and groups who are working to enhance the environment of Dalry thus keeping the residents of Dalry informed of all the good work being undertaken. It will also provide a platform for residents to express their concerns and allow DCDH to prioritise activities in the future.

**27 people attended this meeting with 11 of these being DCDH Trustees.**

#### **Welcome**

James McCosh – Chair of DCDH – welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that various groups and organisations would give an overview of the work they had undertaken and proposals for the future. Those present could ask questions at the end of each presentation. There would also be time at the end of the presentations for the residents to put forward their concerns.

#### **Presentations:**

##### **Bypass Update – Councillor Joy Brahim**

Joy advised that at Highlands the ground needed to be stabilised due to mines.  
The site was being cleared.  
Diversion of utilities was underway.  
4 contractors had been short listed for alignment works.

##### **Lynn Glen Walk renovation –**

**Alastair Adamson (DCDH sub committee chair) Bruce Davidson (East Ayrshire Woodlands)**

A full presentation was given showing before and after pictures and also outlining work in progress. This had been a tremendous amount of work and volunteers were needed to maintain what had now become a valued asset to the community.

Full details of all the work undertaken can be viewed in the minutes of DCDH on the web site.

<http://btcckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site12788/The%20Lynn%20Glen%20Walk%202014%20-%202017.pdf>

The sub group was commended for all the time and energy which had been put into this valued project. Further work requires to be carried out during 2018 and assistance from volunteers will be made very welcome.



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### **Scout Hut - Alan McDonald – Scout Committee chair**

Scott advised that they were experiencing planning problems.

It was hoped for completion by Easter next year depending on building warrant.

Phase 1 had been the foundations. No warrant had yet been received for Phase 2 as the build was not a standard kit.

A business plan was in place.

From the floor concerns were raised about finance already received from various groups.

It was hoped that building would start soon and any help needed to further progress was available from DCDH.

It was again reiterated that this build was for the Community and not only for Scout use to comply with the terms of the initial funding.

### **Local Update – Councillor Robert Barr**

Councillor Barr advised that no contractor had yet been appointed for the demolition of Watt Court and the new housing complex.

It may be feasible to draw heat from the Bio-mass installation at Dalry Primary School thus reducing heating costs for this development.

### **Dalry Community Council – Heather Grossart (chair)**

This group has been in operation for 1 year. A main concern was the inequalities Dalry vs Irvine.

Other priorities were a) Planters at Cross b) Vennel Street crossing c) maintenance of school grounds d) Dalry walking maps.

### **Bypass Art – Julie Wales (DCDH sub committee chair)**

Julie outlined the work which had already been undertaken. Full details can be found in the minutes of this group held on DCDH web site.

The group are working with school, have held a quiz, are organizing a photo exhibition, will contribute to an iPad project all designed to raise awareness of this project within the community.

### **Garnock Valley Film Festival – Audrey Hillis (NAC)**

Audrey outlined plans for the above event. A variety of events have been suggested – mobile cinema, tea dances, sports themes etc.

It was proposed this would be a 10 day event probably in March 2018.

Costings and licences are being investigated.

A steering group will be set up with a representative from each town.



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### **Community Sports Club – John Higgins**

This group's main aim is to set up a Community building with links to Sports Hub.

Funding for a community facility would be available from various sources; no funding has been received or applied for at this point.

This facility will have a wide remit and could include courses to find employment etc.

Sustainability is a major factor in setting up this facility.

### **Public Park – Sheena Woodside (Trustee DCDH)**

Sheena gave a presentation on the deplorable state of the park due, in the main, to flooding. Due to her research the location of the drains had now been noted. These drains have not been cleared for many years.

Councillor Robert Barr had contacted Environmental Health and a report on the surface water showed no health hazard. He will contact Helen Miller.

There were also concerns that the Bowling Club was now becoming affected.

It was agreed that this would form a main part of the work of DCDH next year with Sheena as sub chair.

Meetings to be arranged with Robert Barr, Joy Brahim, Thomas Rainey, Helen Miller and Sheena Woodside.

This would also be brought up by Robert and Joy at Garnock Valley Locality Planning meeting.

### **Youth Forum – Myra Sim (Trustee)**

Myra gave the background to this initiative which is a great success. Approx 20 young people attend on a regular basis.

### **Fill the Gap Cycle Path – Rick Standley**

Rick gave an overview of progress so far. Full details can be found in the minutes of DCDH business meetings.

Until the route has been finally agreed items such as maintenance and sustainability cannot be undertaken.

On other matters Rick gave information on a Community Shed which was now in operation in Kilbirnie and Park draining and a new building being sought through Big Lottery funding also for Kilbirnie.

### **Dalry Action Group – Janet Gibson (Trustee)**

The main focus of this group is the development of Christmas Lights. This year's light up will 24 November.



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**A.O.B.**

James McCosh then asked if there were any items from the floor.

**Anthony Hume – NAC, CLAD**

Anthony advised that the Watt Court design will be more sympathetic to local area.

There will be a mixture of sheltered and supported accommodation plus bungalows and will include a hub for social interaction.

This will be out to tender soon with plans on the website.

There being no other questions or concerns the meeting closed with all being thanked for their participation.

**The next business meeting of DCDH will be on Wednesday 17th January 2018.**