



**DALRY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HUB**

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## Minutes

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

#### **Trustee - Business and Progress meeting**

**Venue:** Rosearden, Courthill St. **Date:** 14 March 2018 **Time:** 7.30 pm start.

#### **Invited/ Attendees**

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

Anthony Hume	subgroup member	
Alastair Adamson	subgroup member	apologies
Audrey Hillis	NAC -	attended
Thomas Reaney	NAC	
Helen Miller	NAC -	apologies
Stewart Beck	NAC -	
Louise Kirk	NAC	
Bruce Davidson	EAW (Lynn Glen) -	
Ian Shaw	Project Kilbirnie -	
Rick Standley	Project Kilbirnie -	attended

Alan McDonald      Scouts

Simon McGrory Project officer - Garnock Connections

Alan McKinley      DCSC      apologies

Councillor Robert Barr

Councillor Todd Ferguson

#### **Visitors**

John Higgins

Ruth Crystal-Waters

Pauline SIm

Helen Walker



1. Welcome/Introduction - purpose of meeting

JM welcomed everyone to the meeting. Visitors were most welcome. The purpose of the meeting was to have an update from sub groups and other partners.

2. Record apologies, and agree minutes of 17th January 2018 trustees meeting.

Apologies and attendance recorded as above.

Minutes of 17th January 2018	Proposed:	Julie Wales
	Seconded:	Janet Gibson

3. Topics discussed at meeting:

- **DCDH engagement with our three Councillors**

It was confirmed that we are very keen to keep a very strong engagement with our Councillors.

- **Progress upgrade of park. SW**

Talks are continuing with Council. 2 surveys have been received.  
Below is the up to date briefing note :

BRIEFING NOTE:  
DALRY PUBLIC PARK

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 After reports of flooding at Dalry Public Park, the Council's Flooding Team commissioned a topographic survey to inform the implementation of future flood mitigation measures.
- 1.2 The outcome of the topographic survey, completed in November 2017, along with local knowledge, a site walk-over and information on historic ordnance survey maps, suggests that there are buried features within the park with the potential to:
  - a) contribute to, or exacerbate, flooding; and/or
  - b) constrain the available options to address the problem of flooding within the park.

**2. Utility Survey**

- 2.1 In order to account for the presence of buried features, a contractor was appointed to undertake an electromagnetic / ground probing radar survey. The survey work was completed on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2018.



- 2.2 The survey identified one unknown service. Trial pits are, therefore, required to identify this feature and to assess its contribution to flood risk, if any. The Utility Survey also identified a potential problem with the combined sewer within the park. A copy of the final survey report will be provided to Scottish Water, who will then take appropriate action to return the proper function of the sewer.
- 2.3 The utility survey did not identify any buried features associated with the Strands Coal Pit, any pre-existing land drains, or the relic pipe system that conveyed water from the Rye Water to the site of the former boating pond. These features may, nevertheless, contribute to the level of flood risk within the park. Desk studies and site investigations are, therefore required to quantify their contribution to flood risk and to determine any Health and Safety constraints to future design solutions.

### **3. Next Steps**

- 3.1 On identifying the locations of all notable buried features within the park, further drainage solutions shall be considered that will take cognisance of the constraints of the site (i.e. the presence of mine workings) and be compatible with the existing and future role of the park. It is envisaged that the initial investigations will be complete prior to the end of March 2018.
- 3.2 Any proposed drainage system will be designed with future maintenance in mind and will include inspection chambers, rodding eyes, and geotextiles. If constructed, the information will be held on the Council's GIS system to record the location and maintenance requirements of the new assets.
- 3.3 It should be noted that the implementation of a new drainage system must go hand-in-hand with an extensive amount of soil replacement. This is because it is not possible to drain the existing clay topsoil, regardless of the amount of pipes that are installed. The future drainage solution must, therefore, be informed by the future vision of the park to minimise the cost and disruption of soil replacement. It is the intention throughout the study to consult interested parties with a view to establishing that vision.
- 3.4 It is envisaged that detailed proposals will be available shortly after the completion of the required physical investigations. In the absence of any further impediment, and assuming that the future priorities of the public park can be identified, outline proposals shall be complete by the end of April 2018.
- 3.5 Please note that the proposed solutions identified by this work are preliminary and that funding to undertake drainage improvements has yet to be identified.
- 3.5 A further Briefing Note will be issued in the event of any change to the programmed activities.



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Sewage has been leaking into the park and Sheena has notified Scottish Water and Environmental Health. Councillors have also been involved and Environmental Health will ensure the area is decontaminated.

Meetings have taken place with Dalry Sports Club and plans have been drawn up for proposed upgrade. Talks have also been held with John McKnight. Audrey Sutton is also on board with any developments. Pitches on other side of the burn will not form part of these plans. The draft plans include: full sized pitches, 5 a-side pitches, skate board/ cycle area, children's play area, parking and toilets. This is only the beginning of this consultation.

- **Fairy Glen progress SW**

After the success of Lynn Glen which is bringing visitors to the town, Hughie's field which is the picnic area and which will be disabled friendly could be developed. We need a group of people to take this forward. Funding has been secured. Heather to ask Parent Council if they wish to be involved. A sub group to take this forward was formed at the meeting. Those who volunteered were: Sheena Woodside, Pauline Sim, Ruth Crystal-Waters, Diane Mackie and Helen Aitken. They will arrange an initial meeting to formulate ideas.

- **DCDH engagement with DCC**

Dcc are seeking advice from Gary Parker on funds being held by Boundary Trust. They have succeeded in having appropriate road markings being in place in Vennel St.

- **DCDH engagement with Project Kilbirnie RS**

PK are holding their AGM on 20 March at 7pm the venue being Bridgend Community Center. All are welcome to attend. Funding has been obtained from Big Lottery for new building in Kilbirnie Park. The man shed is doing very well.

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

As previously recorded 4 sub groups have been started. This group is part of the statutory structure and as such we must continue to be involved and have a voice.

- **Roadside Art on Bypass JW**

Awards For All : this application failed.  
Audrey Hillis will help in seeking other funding streams.

- **Heritage Trail JW**

Still no word from Garnock Connections.

- Progress is very good on commemorative paving although more quotes are needed but will be ordered soon.



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- A site meeting was held with re curved board. John Hodgart is still working on the text. When this is agreed will go to Boundary Trust and Planning for final go ahead.
- The wall of memories has received a great deal of support. At PB event it was agreed to fund this to the sum of £1500. Tesco have also agreed to donate £1000. It s anticipated that total cost will be about £3000

- **Dalry Bypass and Den Realignment**

This would appear to be on track.

- **Garnock Connections progress Report SMcG**

No further report

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

Final works have been instructed.  
Signage approved and EA will put these up.

- **Other Dalry Walks**

It was agreed that there were many paths in and around Dalry which could be developed however these need a lot of work and volunteers from the Community. This item will be taken off agenda at present but may be included in the future.

- **Community benefit issues – further update**

No further updates at this time.

- **Dalry Scout Hall –**

No report was received but below is the update from the Scout website:

Scout Hall update - sorry for the loooooong delay on information regarding the Scout Hall Build. We appreciate that many people are interested in the hall and when building works will begin again. Unfortunately we have been in the same position for some time – basically we are waiting for a 2nd building warrant before we can proceed, more specifically we are waiting on construction certificates from the manufacturer of the build kit.

Both Steven and Sandra (scout leaders) have been working with the funders and keeping them updated as to the delays and Steven (the builder) is pushing the manufacturer for the certificates but it is difficult and disappointing for all concerned, to constantly report that there has been no progress because of being stuck in a process that we HAVE to go through. This is the main reason why there have been no updates on any of the Scout forums about this – there actually has been nothing to report.



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However once we have the building warrant we will let everyone know and hopefully you won't have to wait to read about the build you will be able to see just by taking a walk round Smith Street.

We also understand why there are other groups and some individuals in Dalry who believe that the money tied up in the hall build would have been better spent with them in the meantime- on some smaller developments which could have been started up and more than likely finished in half the time this project has taken - we agree but unfortunately the delays experienced have just made this more frustrating and has tied up the available funding for an extended period and as in many of these types of projects we have to show that the money is in place and guaranteed before any work begins.

So for now we would just like to thank everyone for their patience and support especially all the Scout leaders, parents and the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts themselves and we will, hopefully, be able to report back soon that the work will be restarted.

One final thing – we will be looking for volunteers from parents to become part of the Scout Group Committee so let us know if you are interested and have some free time to spare and hopefully we can have a nice shiny new committee to go with our shiny new Scout Hall.

(You can do this either on FB or by letting the leaders know on a Friday night).

Please share this with any other parents who may not have joined this page and/or may not be on FB.

Thank you

- **22 Sharon Street**  
No further update
- **Plug the Gap**  
This initiative seems to have stalled with no engagement re planning. An agreed route has still not been agreed.
- **Community Sports Club – Update AM**

Meeting was held with representative from various community groups on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at Rosarden to agree a project for Dalry in line with NAC Locality Planning budget

- The group unanimously voted in favour of the re-generation of Dalry Public Park
- The group discussed the current drainage issues within the park and agreed that any costs to resolve these issues, should be fully met NAC
- Allan shared details of a previous plan that Dalry Community Sports Club DCSC had in relation to regenerating the public park, and also some drawings of the park with some potential facilities which had been added
- The group agreed that this was a good starting point, and took the opportunity to discuss possible opportunities / facilities that could be included within the plan, including re-generation of existing facilities ie existing club houses
- The group has an action to look at these drawings and feedback to Allan any inclusions for next meeting



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- DCSC previous Development Plan for the park, was shared for the group to look at, as a starting point, to start thinking about how the content of our plan will look
- Allan will also arrange meeting with John McKnight for clarity on some of the discussion points, like legality, maintenance costs etc of putting additional facilities in the park, and next steps in producing plan, and will arrange group meeting following this

I also include the minutes of initial meeting on 26 Feb so that all are up to date with events.

### **Facilities in Dalry Meeting**

**Rosarden Couthill Street**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7pm**

**Attendees :** Allan McGinlay, John Woodside, Kenny Vannart, Wullie Kirkpatrick, Diane Ralston, Julie Wales, Myra Sim. Maureen Denningberg, Ewan Jamieson, Sheena Woodside

**Apologies :** Heather Grossart, Robert Danks, Hugh Campbell, John Higgins, Joy Brahim, Nikki Caig

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**Note :** these are my notes taken from the meeting, if anybody has captured any other comment, please add as appropriate - thanks

Allan welcomed everybody to the meeting, and advised that the main purpose of tonight's meeting, was to discuss and agree a project for Dalry in relation to the Councils Locality Planning, and when agreed, further discuss how the content of that project may look and next steps required.

The group unanimously agreed that Dalry's priority and project should be the regeneration of the public park.

The group discussed the current drainage issues within the park and agreed that any costs to resolve these issues, should be fully met NAC.

Allan then shared with the group, details of a previous plan that Dalry Community Sports Club DCSC had in relation to regenerating the public park, and also some drawings of the park with some potential facilities which had been added, as part of that plan. The group agreed it was a good starting point and helped generate discussion which included :

1. Potential facilities for inclusion, including, crazy golf, small skate / scooter park, adventure play area, allotments, BMX, football pitch, orienteering, woodlands play area, gym equipment at various points in park, cycle / jog / walk paths, tennis, multi surface muga, football training area, additional seating, landscaping, general areas for activities like parklives and traditional activities like rounders etc



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2. Potential inclusion of Putyan / Merksworth in plan – ie youth football / training facilities, if Dalry park was to accommodate adult football only, or vice versa?
3. Opportunities for lighting throughout the park / security of facilities in general
4. Regeneration of existing facilities, including the 2 club houses and potential uses of same – changing facilities, support park activities ie storage / toilets
5. NAC & National Grid ground ( currently unused / waste ground ) – possible uses, including car parking, access road to negate potential issues with ownership of Bowling club road, and future possible “building`s” opportunities on ground, and discussions on possible uses of same. Potential costs to purchase ground and decontamination issue were also discussed.
6. Discussed legality / maintenance, and overall responsibility of the opportunities discussed for the park

**Actions :**

Allan – speak to John McKnight – next steps and clarity around points raised – invite to future meeting

Allan – circulate original Dalry Park drawings to all, as discussed to allow comments / proposals to be added for discussion at next meeting

Allan – circulate previous DCSC plan for info to help with what plan structure may look like

All – discuss structure of plan at next meeting – Mission statement, objectives, benefits, priorities, etc etc

All – to feedback any comments / proposals to Allan for collation

Sheena – continue to chase Drainage updates and feedback as appropriate

All – volunteer “minutes” taker for next meeting

All – agree name for project

Allan – circulate date of next meeting

Allan closed the meeting, and took the opportunity to thank everybody`s for their contribution, where all agreed that it was a very positive meeting.

Spots Club are also undertaking a 16 week programme of activities during last week in May. At this time they will pass on knowledge to representatives from Kilbirnie and Beith so that this event can take place in these areas.





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**5. Any other DCDH business**

Big Fit Walk will take place in August. This could have a Fairy Theme to coincide with this initiative.

**6. Close** – meeting closed at 9.30

**Next meeting**

**Wednesday 18 April**

**Trustees only planning meeting**

**Wednesday 16 May**

**Business meeting with invited  
guests and open to public**