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## **DALRY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HUB**

**number: SC045464**

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### Minutes

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

### **Trustee - Business meeting**

**Venue:** Rosearden, Courthill St.    **Date:** 30 May 2018    **Time:** 7.00 pm start.

### Attendees

James McCosh	Chair -	apologies
Maureen Denningberg	Secretary	attended
Sheena Woodside	Treasurer -	attended
Myra Sim	Trustee -	attended
Heather Grossart	Trustee -	apologies
Reg N-Graham	Trustee -	apologies
Janet Gibson	Trustee -	apologies
Julie Wales	Trustee -	attended
Diane Mackie	Trustee –	attended
Helen Aitken	Trustee -	attended
Councillor Joy Brahim	Trustee	apologies
Anthony Hume	subgroup member	non attendance
Alastair Adamson	subgroup member -	apologies
Audrey Hillis	NAC -	attended
Thomas Reaney	NAC	non attendance
Helen Miller	NAC -	non attendance
Stewart Beck	NAC -	non attendance
Louise Kirk	NAC	non attendance
Bruce Davidson	EAW (Lynn Glen) -	non attendance
Ian Shaw	Project Kilbirnie -	non attendance
Rick Standley	Project Kilbirnie -	apologes
Steven Horsewell	Dalry Scout Hall	non attendance
Simon McGrory	Project officer - Garnock Connections	non attendance
John Higgins	DCSC	non attendance
Councillor Robert Barr		non attendance
Councillor Todd Ferguson		non attendance
Pauline Sim	Fairy trail sub group	attended
Ruth Crystal Water	Fairy Trail sub group	attended

### Visitor

Hamish Harkness

1. Welcome/Introduction - purpose of meeting  
Sheena welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Record apologies, and agree minutes of meeting of 14 March 2018



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Minutes agreed by Diane Mackie and Myra Sim

### 3. Topics to be discussed at this evening's meeting:

- DCDH engagement with our three Councillors

No contact recently. It was felt important that Councillors attended to give an update on their work in the community.

- Progress on drainage in park SW  
3 surveys completed end of May.

- DCDH engagement with new DCC.

The interface between DCC and DCDH was discussed plus the background to the start of the new DCC. DCC should be the main driver of initiatives within the community and addressing concerns of community. DCDH would support DCC and continue to have projects of their own.

- DCDH engagement with Project Kilbirnie.

AH advised that last month £38500 had been received and that a consultation and design team had been employed for the project "Gathering Places". There was no civic area in Kilbirnie and it was felt the park was an ideal location for this. Main consultation had finished but as always there was difficulty in getting volunteers to run any buildings.

- DCDH engagement with Garnock Valley Locality Planning Group.

AH advised: There would be a meeting next Monday. At this the topic would be how do we develop the priorities. More effective communication with the public was a high priority. Garnock Valley Film Festival would take place in 2019. CIF fund has £320000. On 18 June there will be a conference to decide on how this should be distributed. This will be by an application process. Bids to be in by September

- Roadside Art On Bypass – JW

- Heritage Trail – Subgroup progress report by JW

Above 2 items combined

Commemorative paving has been organized and should be in place mid July

Heritage Trail board – text has been done and design to be agreed – should be in place July



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Recordings of memories have taken place with the help of the Scouts. This was very successful with 5 volunteers being recorded over 3 nights. Small films were also taken.

The 60 verses of John Hodgert poem will be recorded hopefully by 60 volunteers.

- Garnock Connections – Progress report - S McG  
No report
- Dalry Bypass and Den Realignment  
No report
- Brighten up Dalry Town Centre  
No update
- Lynn Glen – Progress report – BD/AA

### Lynn Glen Restoration Project May 2018 update

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- • Erect Lynn Glen Trail Map in car park. **Temporary signage will be replaced with permanent signage by EAW during May 2018**
- • Erect “Lynn Glen Car Park” sign at entrance to car park. **Temporary signage will be replaced with permanent signage by EAW during May 2018**
- • Erect sign to “Lynn Glen Picnic Area” in car park. **Temporary signage will be replaced with permanent signage by EAW during May 2018**
- • Erect signs to “Lynn Glen Trail” in car park. **Temporary signage will be replaced with permanent signage by EAW during May 2018**
- • Tidy-up LHS as you enter car park. **Initial work completed – ongoing EAW**
- • Tidy-up and cut back vegetation. **Initial work completed – ongoing EAW**
- • Tidy-up and repair fences. **Initial work completed – ongoing EAW**
- • Rub-down and treat access gate to picnic area with wood preserve. **Completed by EAW**
- • Plant bulbs at LHS area as you enter car park – **This initiative has still to be agreed by DCDH trustees and volunteers secured to carry out work. Co-Op funding**
- • Install new signage to replace “lost” reference to Miss Margaret Archibald’s gift to Dalry, of the car park and community meadow, in memory of her brother Hughie. **This will be completed by AA when NAC repairs wall**
- • Ask NAC roads to repair the damaged wall at the corner of the car park access road. **NAC has confirmed that this work is on their schedule of repairs to be carried out – Date for completion still to be advised.**

Picnic Area in community meadow:



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- • Cut grass and define picnic area in community meadow – Completed by EAW
- • Fence off river from Picnic Area - Completed by EAW
- • Install heritage signage reference “Bessie Dunlop” and “George Houston”  
Temporary signage will be replaced with permanent signage by EAW during May 2018
- • Install 2 picnic tables – Completed by EAW
- • Provision of a new 3m/10ft timber gate plus a 2-way Aston gate from the access road into picnic area. This will be completed by EAW during May 2018
- • Provision of a path through the picnic area from the access road gate, via the picnic tables, to the car park gate. This will be completed by EAW during May 2018
- Alastair Adamson – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- • Plant trees and bushes. This initiative has still to be agreed by DCDH trustees and volunteers secured to carry out work. – Co-op funded
- • Establish a volunteer subgroup willing to look after the picnic area. This initiative has still to be agreed by DCDH trustees and volunteers secured to carry out work.
- • Sow wild meadow flower seed. This initiative has still to be agreed by DCDH trustees and volunteers secured to carry out work. – Co-op funded

In a clockwise direction round the Lynn Glen Walk.

- • Wire brush and paint the access kissing gate. Completed
- • Erect signage “Welcome to the Lynn Glen” at the Trail access kissing gate.

Temporary signage will be replaced with permanent signage by EAW during May 2018

- • Fill in any identified muddy areas on first section of Trail. – Additional path surfacing materials (3 Ton) delivered to start of trail. DCDH to arrange for works to be undertaken by volunteers.
- • Tidy up and cut back vegetation. Ongoing EAW
- • Wire brush and paint the next kissing gate and ensure that final arrangements are in place for its security. Completed
- • Wire brush and paint the 3<sup>rd</sup> kissing gate. Completed
- • Install signage at 4 identified locations around walk. Temporary signage will be replaced with permanent signage by EAW during May 2018
- • Help EAW with the development of a viewing platform and seat at the Lynn Glen Spout. A revised seating and viewing arrangement has now been installed by EAW
- • Repair the foot bridge beside the old mill lade. EAW will carry out this work if the 2018 funding from LandTrust is secured.



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- Arrange for the delivery and subsequent movement of additional path re-surfacing materials by Farmer J Smith to two agreed locations.  
[AA/EAW will organise the arrangements already agreed with the farmer when ground conditions allow and if further funding is secured.](#)
- Arrange for the delivery and subsequent movement of additional path re-surfacing materials by Farmer D Yorke to two agreed locations.  
[AA/EAW will organise the arrangements already agreed with the farmer when ground conditions allow. – material now delivered and in process of being located at required locations](#)
- Improve steps to and from route at Peden's Point.
- Clear vegetation to improve the visual impact of [Completed by EAW](#)

[EAW will address this during 2018, in conjunction with the repair of paths using the newly delivered materials, if further funding can be secured. Clear away trees below bridge at Peden's Point. EAW will attempt to address](#)

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'Peden's Pulpit' [this during 2018 if further funding can be secured.](#)

- Help SSE with refurbishing of Bridge at Peden's Point. – [SSE has completed this work and has agreed to maintain annually.](#)
- Clear the vegetation to improve the view from the bench located at Peden's Point. [EAW will attempt to address this during 2018](#)
- Complete the outstanding work on the steps on the return section of the walk.
- Install the funded bench at an agreed location on the return section of the walk. [This has been completed by EAW](#)
- Erect 2<sup>nd</sup> "Welcome to the Lynn Glen" signage at end of walk.  
[Temporary signage will be replaced with permanent signage by EAW during May 2018](#)
- Source 2 x 12 metre "H" beams and repair bridge at Smith's end of walk.  
[ongoing – requires DCDH securing further funding.](#)

Proposed Fairy Glen Trail. – Stage 2 signage

- Audrey Hillis and Julie Wales will provide an update.  
[Please note that Advertisign recently withdrew their offer of no cost signage provision for this initiative. – still ongoing and requires new funding.](#)
- Fairy Glen Subgroup activities. [Diane will provide update](#)

Although there appears to be a significant amount of outstanding actions to be addressed, the work undertaken over the past two years has



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resulted in this hidden gem being again made accessible for families and walkers. Most of the outstanding actions are needed to provide enhancements and improvements to the visitor experience.

The manufacture of Stage 1 signage (replacement of temporary signage) was completed on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018, and it is anticipated that EAW will be able to have the installation completed before the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 event.

The new

If the application to LandTrust for additional funding for 2018 is successful, there will be an opportunity to do more than just restore the trail to its former glory.

DCDH now need more volunteers to help deliver all of the outstanding works.

EAW will attempt to address this during 2018 subject to further funding being secured.

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### Lynn Glen Restoration Project – Income and Expenditure to Date

#### Income

Date Received	Amount	Funded by	To be used for
05/07/2016	£6,000.00	Tesco/Groundwork	Trail restoration
02/05/2017	£2,000.00	Tesco/ Groundwork	Trail restoration
23/06/2017	£8,140.00	LandTrust – Part 1	Trail restoration
04/09/2017	£6,730.00	LandTrust – Part 1	Trail restoration
24/04/2017	£ 950.75	Co-oP – phase 1	Picnic Area & restoration
12/10/2016	£ 700.00	NAC PBB	2016 Community Event
17/10/2017	£1,000.00	NAC Town fund	Bench on return section
05/12/2017	£2,000.00	DCSC	Signage & Enhancements
05/03/2018	£ 202.01	Co-oP – phase 2	Children – bulb planting
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	£	LandTrust – Part 2	Back end of Glen restoration.



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Total	£27,722.76		

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### Fairy Glen

Both Ruth and Pauline had put in a tremendous amount of work in organising this event. A major issue had been the amount of rubbish on the site. They had received many donations from the community but had funded a large part themselves. Because of the speed between inception and completion no funding had been secured. It was agreed by the Trustees that money from the running costs fund should be made available. Ruth and Pauline to submit costs already incurred. An application to Boundary Trust to be made before commencing future events.

- Community benefit issues – no further update
- Dalry Scout Hall – Framework up – almost completed
- 22 Sharon Street – Ground broken / work started
- Plug the Gap – no report
- Community Sports Club – Park lives started. No further meetings of Park Committee. The hut will be hired from NA for £5 per night. A freezer has been installed. Recycling plant could be used as car park.

### Drainage report received from John Higgins:

Thank you for getting in touch. I can, in turn, advise that we are currently exploring a drainage solution for the park that uses a series of vertical boreholes to drain surface water from the upper layers of the soil to the unsaturated substrate. The investigations that were undertaken in mid April were to assess the suitability of the site for this solution, which has many benefits over more conventional land drainage (in particular, the constraints of the park's topography and the lack of a suitable outfall). We are still waiting for feedback on the ground investigation but I will let you know when more information becomes available. If this approach doesn't prove to be a viable solution then the drainage issues will be more difficult and expensive to address. Please note that NAC's Flooding Team does not have an identified budget for the implementation of a drainage solution at the moment.

Nevertheless, soil replacement will be required regardless of the type of drainage solution that is pursued. The replacement soil will need to be designed carefully and I would caution against accepting material from the site of the Dalry by-pass without further testing or assurances. The following is an extract from Sportscotland's School Playing Field Planning and Design Guidance



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at: [https://sportscotland.org.uk/documents/resources/ssc0100192amendedplayingfields\\_playingfields\\_web.pdf](https://sportscotland.org.uk/documents/resources/ssc0100192amendedplayingfields_playingfields_web.pdf)), which provides further detail on the matter of topsoil:

*'Grade 3 pitches [the base standard for the construction of most local authority pitches] are deemed to have been constructed with a well structured sandy loam topsoil over an uncompacted subsoil and have an efficient piped drainage system at no greater than eight metre centres with a clean gravel backfill into which a system of sand/gravel slits connects from the surface. The topsoil can be amended by ameliorating the top 50mm or so with an approved medium grade sand. However it should be noted that not all top soils are suitable for such amelioration as the combination of materials can sometimes lead to the creation of an impermeable surface. Site managers undertaking new constructions or reconstructions should prepare a full design specification. This should take into account all of the variables which might exist on a site, including soil type and the appropriateness and need for amelioration.'*

I trust that you find this information useful but please get in touch if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Regards,

Marc

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### 3. Any other DCDH business

Decision made to renew insurance for £363.04

Alastair to continue to maintain web site

Myra will take on publicizing DCDH activities in Ardrossan & Saltcoats.

Screens in Public Library could be used for publicity. AH to investigate.

### 4. Next meeting 27 June

### 5. Close –9.00 pm