

AGM Dalry Community Development Hub (DCDH)

Venue: Rosearden, Courthill St. Date: 20 March 2019 Time 7.00pm

10 people attended the AGM

1. Minutes of 14 March 2018

Proposed Seconded Julie Wales Sheena Woodside

2. Chair Report: James McCosh

This is my final report to the DCDH as Chairman and I am happy to confirm that the organization is still strong and relevant . At the outset we made it very plain that we wished to involve the community as much as possible and importantly to try to coordinate efforts all or any group or organization in the Dalry Community with a common purpose. This has to be a challenge but I believe progress has been made .There is no doubt that together we are much more likely to achieve our goals. Sheena has done much to engage with other groups and I am sure that this will prove beneficial to Dalry in the future. I strongly believe that any organization like the DCDH not only needs support from the community but a regular change of officers/personnel and involvement of young and old. Please consider becoming involved if you have not already done so and give some thought about anybody you may know who would be a useful member or Trustee. Finally a big thank you to all the people who have contributed so much to the DCDH and its aims and ambitions. I wish continued success .

3. Secretary Report : Maureen Denningberg

What we have achieved to date:

• Have continued to act as the vehicle to bring clubs/groups together. It was envisaged that this would give all a clearer idea of the initiatives taking place within Dalry and the wider community of the Garnock Valley. Over the year there has been a marked reduction in attendance from Project Kilbirnie, Garnock Connections and Scout Hall. We will continue to invite members from these groups.

• All of our meetings are open to the public apart from 2 per year which have a purely administrative agenda and are for Trustees only. At our last AGM we noted we would try to increase public participation by organising a larger public

meeting. It was agreed with Dalry Community Council (DCC) that they would organise and publicise and we would contribute as a group within Dalry. It was hoped that all clubs working within Dalry would also contribute. Unfortunately this did not happen. We will now look to discussing with DCC how we can bring this to fruition this year.

• We continue to work very closely with DCC. However, due to resignations from within DCC, most of their members are also Trustees of DCDH. DCDH has also had a few resignations during the year. Both groups will now have to look at recruiting members of the community.

To this end it was decided at a recent DCDH administrative meeting that the Vice Chair will also have a remit to positively promote the work of DCDH and achieve an increase in those wishing to become Trustees. We would also like our age profile to be reduced.

It was also decided that a remit of Publicity would be assigned to one Trustee and Councillor liaison be assigned to another Trustee. At this time I would like to thank Alistair Adamson for his continued support with our web site.

• As stated at the last AGM, we have a seat on Garnock Valley Locality Planning Group. There is little progress to be communicated at present but our representatives still give a voice to the needs and expectations of Dalry.

Sub groups of DCDH have made very good progress:

• Lynn Glen. This major piece of work is drawing to a close and we are indebted to Bruce Davidson and his team for their continued support. Signage, paths, bridges, flora and fauna now enhance this valuable local resource. This sub group has worked long and hard to ensure the success of this initiative and are to be commended for their hard work over a number of years.

• Fairy Glen. This sub group and the volunteers who support them have held various events over the year. All are well attended with positive feedback being received. It is hoped that by involving the children of Dalry they will take pride in the Glen and become involved, in later years, in the upkeep of this resource.

• Heritage Trail. You will all have seen the great work being undertaken by this group. Historical signage, paving stones, films, walks all involving the wider community in consultation, research and recording of memories have ensured that Dalry's environment continues to become an interesting, thought provoking and attractive place for both visitors and residents alike.

• Public Park. There have been many plans drawn up for amenities to be built on this site. It is, however, unlikely that these plans will come to fruition soon. The main stumbling block being drainage. Tests have been carried out by North Ayrshire Council (NAC) but, given budget constraints, the cost has been prohibitive. At present we are trying to promote the improvement of parking and looking to see if a more cost effective drainage system could be procured. It would also be imperative that any plans for activities be put to the wider community before these are finalised. All of this is a very slow process but DCDH will continue to work with other groups in the community to convince NAC that this is a project which has merit and deserves consideration.

In future we will:

Continue to work as effective sub groups to enhance the facilities and activities in Dalry.

Increase participation of the residents of Dalry in the work of DCDH.

Work with DCC to ensure there are clear remits for both groups.

I will now hand over to Julie Wales, our Treasurer, who will give a brief overview of our financial position. It should be remembered that each sub group applies for funding through grants and donations. This entails a lot of paper work and hours filling in forms. In the past we were supported in this by Audrey Hillis from NAC. She has now retired from her position and we look forward to working with her replacement Gary Tait in the future.

Treasurer report: Julie Wales
Julie Woodside presented the accounts for year ending 31/10/2018. This is
available in the A4 DCDH binder in the reference section of Dalry Library and on
the DCDH website.
There were no questions from the floor.

5. Approval of Annual Report and Accounts by Trustees

Proposed: James McCosh Seconded: Reg N-Graham

At this juncture all office bearing Trustees retired from office

6. Election and nomination of Trustees for 2018/19

Resignation as Trustee have been received from : Heather Grossard, Janet Gibson, Diane Mackie and Helen Aitken.

The following Trustees were elected to hold office:

Chair	Sheena Woodside	proposed: JM	seconded: MS
Vice Chair	Reg N-Graham	proposed: MD	seconded: SW
Secretary	Maureen Denningberg	proposed: JM	seconded: JB
Treasurer	Julie Wales	proposed: JM	seconded: SW
Publicity	Myra Sim	proposed: MD	seconded: RN-G
Council Liaison	Joy Brahim	proposed: MD	seconded: JM

James McCosh confirmed his willingness to remain a Trustee

7. Date of next AGM

Meeting closed at 8.15