



Minutes

Dalry Community Development Hub (DCDH)

Open Business meeting

Venue: Rosearden, Courthill St. **Date:** 27 January 2020 **Time:** 7.00 pm start.

Invited Attendees

Sheena Woodside	Chair	present
Reg N-Graham	Vice Chair	present
Julie Wales	Treasurer	present
Maureen Denningberg	Secretary	present
Myra Sim	Trustee	present
Councillor Joy Brahim	Trustee	
James McCosh	Trustee	present
Alastair Adamson	subgroup member -	present
Garry Tait	NAC -	
Thomas Reaney	NAC	
Helen Miller	NAC -	apologies
Stewart Beck	NAC -	
Louise Kirk	NAC	
Bruce Davidson	EAW (Lynn Glen) -	present
Ian Shaw	Project Kilbirnie -	
Steven Horseywell	Dalry Scout Hall	
Simon McGrory	Project officer - Garnock Connections	present
Ruth Crystal Waters	sub group member	
Pauline Sim	sub group member	
Councillor Robert Barr		
Councillor Todd Ferguson		

Visitor

Kirk Kennedy

University of Strathclyde



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1. Welcome, apologies and agree minutes

SW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

It was noted that Gary Tait was not in attendance nor had he sent an apology. As he is our contact with NA this was disappointing.

Minutes of 25 November 2019 – proposed JW agreed MS

2. Progress Public Park development

Alan McGinlay from Sports Club will give an update when more progress has been made. DSM have already apologized for lack of momentum in this matter.

3. Progress of sub groups

- a. Lynn Glen

Alistair Adamson produced a detailed account of work finished, in progress and to be completed.

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Lynn Glen Restoration Project

Outstanding works programme – Nov/Dec 2019

Car park Area:

- **Replace fence separating car park from meadow/river. This will now be completed by EAW before end of 2019**
- **Replace missing latch arrangement on gate from car park to picnic area. This will now be completed before end of 2019**

Picnic Area in community meadow:

- **Ask NAC roads to repair the dangerous picnic area boundary wall. DCDH/DCC have contacted NAC and Councillors – Ongoing**

In a clockwise direction round the Lynn Glen Walk.

- **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 EAW and volunteers. Initial work completed – ongoing EAW**
- **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.**



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The area around the seat has still to be dressed with type 1 material.

Action EAW before the end of 2019

- Repair identified path problems between 3rd kissing gate and Peden's Point. **EAW will now address this before the end of 2019.**
- Arrange for the delivery and subsequent movement of additional path re-surfacing materials by Farmer J Smith to two agreed locations.

If EAW consider that additional material is required for this area, EAW to organise the arrangements already agreed with the farmer before end of 2019

- Improve steps to and from route at Peden's Point.

EAW will now ensure that this work is completed before the end of 2019 even if third party contractors need to be used.

- Improve paths and drainage at back end of walk.

EAW will now ensure that this work is completed before the end of 2019

- Clear away trees below bridge at Peden's Point.

EAW will now address this early 2020

- Help with refurbishing of Bridge at Peden's Point

EAW have been requested to repair the lower vandalised section of barrier on the bridge ASAP.

- Clear the vegetation to improve the view from the bench located at Peden's Point.

EAW will now ensure that this work is completed before the end of 2019

- Complete the outstanding work on both sets of steps on the return section of the walk.

EAW will now ensure that this work is completed before the end of 2019

- **Complete the outstanding work on the steps on the return section of the walk.**

EAW will now ensure that this work is completed before the end of 2019

- Install the funded bench at an agreed location on the return section of the walk. **- done**

Area around seat still to be dressed with type 1 material.

EAW will now ensure that this work is completed before the end of 201

- Any other identified works

Way Forward

As the £15,000.00 Part 2 (Phase 4) application to LandTrust has now been successful and funding confirmed, the costs for the repair/restoration of bridges, steps, drainage and paths at the back end of the Lynn Glen, and the other identified outstanding enhancement initiatives can hopefully be funded.

Matched funding of £9,590.00 has also been secured from NAVT, £7,590.00 of which will be used for the proposed permanent "Fairy Trail" project.

The Balance of £2,000.00 will be used over the next two years to fund repair and maintenance upkeep of the Lynn Glen Trail. This is matched funding which was reliant on DCDH receiving formal notification from LandTrust that their £15,000.00 funding application was approved.



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As EAW has also been successful in securing funding from Garnock Connections to employ and train staff, we should benefit from a “no cost” resource to carry out work at the Lynn Glen.

EAW to confirm that all works will be completed before the end of 2019, with funds now available.

What we should be attempting to achieve before the end of 2019?

- Establish when the LandTrust funding requires to be spent.
by end of this year - confirmed
- Make the necessary arrangements to draw down funding from NAVT.
2020: £1000 – **JW / SW will arrange**
2021: £1000
- Carry out planting funded by C.A,F (CO-OP). - **completed**
- Replace collapsed bridge with new culvert solution to ensure their long-term stability and public safety. In hand – **all works now completed**
- Further improve accessibility of the route through repair/upgrading of path infrastructure through Lynn Glen, including reinstatement/redesign of associated steps, retaining edge boards, fences, drainage ditches and piped culverts. – **To be completed by end of this year**
- Restore the path surface where this has been eroded and/or become hazardous through importing and re-laying an all-weather compacted stone surface to optimise the available width and thereby enhance user safety.. – **To be completed by end of this year**
- Address all other outstanding items detailed in this report.
– **To be completed by end of this year**
- Establishment of a Lynn Glen Trail with associated points of interest to encourage new and repeat users. **Completed**
- A number of local volunteers will take part in conservation activities, which will form part of the John Muir Discovery Programme. This project will be delivered by NAC, Garnock Valley Locality Planning Team to develop skills and self-confidence. **To be agreed**
- A calendar of educational and cultural events will take place to raise awareness of the site’s rich history and environmental significance.
A number of events and initiatives have already been undertaken this year
- A 2019 event to raise awareness of the paths remediation and to celebrate the benefits of being active and staying healthy.
Summer 2019 event success
- **Undertake the necessary repair work to the damaged caused by the “Flash Flood”**
- **Ensure that all work is completed, invoiced, paid and funds drawn down from LandTrust before the end of 2019**

Bruce Davidson, AA and Trustees engaged in long discussion related to flood damage and moving necessary materials from present location to where it is needed. The terrain being a big obstacle in easy movement. Many solutions were put forward and Bruce will investigate possibilities.

Claire Fitzsimmons has replaced Louise Kirk in NAC.

Simon McGrory will talk to Claire re NA being aware for the need of positive support.



Thanks were given to Alastair Adamson for all his hard work over the past 6 years. It is due to his energy and enthusiasm that so much has been accomplished. He is now stepping down as chair of this sub group and everyone wished him well for the future.

Thanks were also given to Bruce Davidson who has given of his own time to complete parts of this project. If it was not for his unstinting loyalty and endeavour much of the work would not have been completed.

b. Fairy Glen

RN-G as chair of this group reported:

The next meeting is 20th Feb when the Spring Event will be planned.

James Jenkins is still to complete kissing hedgehogs. On delivery he will be paid for his work.

c. Heritage Trail and Roadside Art

JW as chair of this group reported:

Heritage Boards are now on display in both Primary Schools. Boundary Trust wished leaflets to be made from these boards. Heritage Trail app launched mid January. This app is still in development and suggestions should be sent to SMcG. So far there are 6 trails on the app - 3 in Beith, 2 in Dalry and 1 in Kilbirnie. Another 2 trails are in progress in Dalry – Town Trail and Park to Ryeside.

Hiil Tap Toon – almost completed and an event to launch this will be held in March.

4. DCDH engagement with Garnock Valley Locality Planning Group

SW attended conferences and meetings. Funding had been applied for re development officers for Radio City and Beith Trust. The conference was on kindness. It was decided that DCC was the vehicle for this item. As such it is now to be taken off agenda for DCDH.

5. Garnock Connections

Up date - Dalry Paths

This initiative is to encourage community participation.

Leaflets have been posted around Dalry asking for volunteers. Paths have been identified as Lynn Glen and the public park. As only 7 days have been allocated a decision, on which path to concentrate efforts, will need to be made. Mark Davies -EAW- is in contact with SW and RN-G regarding organisation.



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Up date - Simon McGrory

There is some reserve money in the budget. Once SMcG finds out the exact figure he will advise DCDH. 2 new trainees have been employed. They will work on new section of web site which relates to volunteering resources to help groups and events calendar. More cultural heritage will be initiated – Dig Ventures – workshops on archeology and how to present findings.

SMcG also referred back to the heritage trail app and advised that users can post onto app as well as use it to help along the trails. New trails can also be added. The workshop on how to use the app was organized for 13 January at Greenwood Conference Centre. This was fully booked but SMcG advised he would hold training in Dalry if needed. The app will be monitored over the year as more possibilities to be interactive and ability to archive materials are identified.

6. Dalry Scout Hall

RN-G reported the hall now has full power and the kitchen is installed. It is anticipated that all work should be completed with 6 – 8 weeks. Local groups will have access to the hall and many have already been in touch.

7. Coast and Waters Community Fund – for info only. To see full text please refer to agenda.

8. AOCB

- a) Kirk Kennedy – He is in 4th year and writing thesis on Micro Hydro Schemes. He had identified Lynn Glen as an ideal site for this project. He was looking for benefits this would bring to the community. Those present offered a number of benefits which Kirk will use.
- b) Pavements in New Street will be resurfaced 3rd – 21st Feb
- c) Discussion took place re date of AGM. This will now be 6th April

Date of next meeting – 24 February 2020 – Trustee only meeting

Date of following meeting – 6 April 2020 – AGM – Please note change of date.