

**Minutes of the Dalry Community Development Hub Meeting of Trustees held on Monday 19th January
2015 at the Turf Inn, Courthill Street from 7pm – 9pm**

Present

Heather Grossart, Deputy Chairman
Hamish Harkness
James McCosh, Chairman
Catherine McMillan, Deputy Treasurer
Myra Sim, Deputy Secretary
Hilary Storm, Secretary
Sheena Woodside, Treasurer

In attendance

Alastair Adamson
Paul Nelis, Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC)
Audrey Hillis, NAC

ACTIONS

Item 1. Welcome & apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting, the purpose of which was to progress issues set out in the Hub Business Plan.

Apologies had been received from Stephanie Ross and Lina Borwick (later).

Item 2. Matters arising from meeting held on 1/12/2014

Item 3.7 A

The £2,000 received from NAC had been put into the TSB account for DCDH.

OSCR application

Paul Nelis has filled in the application for DCDH to register as a SCIO and sent it to OSCR with the draft constitution and plan. Feedback is that the application may be processed by the end of March this year.

It was noted that DCDH plans to have two public meetings per year.

Also that a more specific business plan may be required.

Item 3. Meet the funders event 18 February

Audrey Hillis informed members of an all day drop in event being held on 18th February which provides opportunity to 'meet the funders'. Venue is 6 Beresford Court, Beresford Lane, Ayr. All welcome.

Item 4. Updates on current projects

3.1 Lynn Glen walk restoration project

This is a priority as part of improving path networks. Funding possibilities to support the work needed include:

- Ayrshire Leader local funding scheme
- Rural Skills and award
- John Muir award for young people

JMcC had made contact with all five landowners concerned and they are willing to allow access to the right of way for the purpose of undertaking the DCDH initiative of restoring the walkway. Young people to be surveyed regarding their involvement. The possibility of feeding into unemployment strategy plans was also raised.

It was pointed out that Dalry Walks noticeboard at the Biggart Fountain encourages people to walk the paths but that Lynn Glen and others are in a poor state of repair.

ACTIONS:

- Check out priorities/criteria for Leader funding;
- Discuss with NAC Access Officer, Louise Kirk, re any survey work needed and
- Investigate the willingness of schools to participate in any scheme to improve pathways.

AH

Item 3.2. Community Windpower Ltd (CWPL) – Community Benefits

James McCosh had written to the directors, Mr & Mrs Woods asking for a meeting to discuss community benefits and the role and function of DCDH. Response awaited.

It appears that there is an accrued £300,000, or £125,000 per year, of Community Benefits waiting to be distributed by the recently formed Dalry Parish Boundary Trust (DPBT).

JMcC had tried, without success so far, to make contact with Robert Barr, Chairman of DPBT, to discuss Community Benefits issues of mutual concern for Dalry. There was concern raised about transparency of these issues both by CWPL and DPBT. Some discussion took place about how DCDH might build a working relationship with DPBT.

Myra Sim mentioned the monthly meeting of Dalry Business Club, of which she and Hamish Harkness were long time members, and invited DCDH members to attend.

She also suggested that DCC and DPBT could be invited to attend the 5th February meeting of the Dalry Business Club.

HH/MS

Item 3.3. Dalry Station, planting improvements

Hilary Storm reported that work had begun this year with Anthony Hume and two other volunteers undertaking some pruning and ground clearance work. Number of volunteers is seven to date. Bulbs planted last autumn were now emerging.

Dalry station volunteers still liaise with Louis Wall of SW Scotland Railway Adopters though Dalry is regarded as a 'stand-alone' group. Plant supplies are accessed via Louis. This funded by Scotrail via John Yellowlees, External Relations Manager.

Item 3.4. Community Council Boundaries

There were proposals by NAC to change Community Council boundaries to align with the recently recommended Community Planning boundaries option 3 proposals made by NAC cabinet, though there had not been any public discussion/debate or information made available to local communities on the implications, pros and cons of these plans.

Item 3.5. Work to brighten up Dalry town centre

Plans for this work have yet to be developed.

Item 3.6. DCDH News

It was suggested that Alastair Adamson draft a newsletter for February/March informing Dalry community of progress being made by DCDH.

AA

Item 3.7. Facebook site for DCDH

Heather Grossart has established a Facebook page and reported that there is some activity on it though still further work to be done.

HG

Item 3.8. Improving facilities and activities for young people living in Dalry

Given the importance of this priority, a sub group was agreed to develop the objectives of the DCDH outline plan. This to: ***‘provide positive opportunities for young people in Dalry at night and at the weekends through a Youth Centre/Café’.***

Members include: Heather Grossart, Audrey Hillis, NAC and Sheena Woodside.
(Stephanie Gross would be involved when exams are over).

HG/AH/SW

Item 4. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that this would be a Public meeting to be held in March.
Date, time and venue to be determined.

MS

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm