

Dalry Community Development Hub

Lynn Glen Restoration Project

21st August 2018 update for 23rd August meeting

Car park Area:

- Erect Lynn Glen Trail Map in car park. **COMPLETED**
- Erect “Lynn Glen Car Park” sign at entrance to car park. **COMPLETED**
- Erect sign to “Lynn Glen Picnic Area” in car park. **COMPLETED**
- Erect signs to “Lynn Glen Trail” in car park. **COMPLETED**
- 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. **COMPLETED**
- Ask NAC roads to repair the damaged wall at the corner of the car park access road. **COMPLETED**

Picnic Area in community meadow:

- 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”
COMPLETED
- 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 now be completed by EAW during autumn 2018 if LandTrust funding is secured
- Provision of a path through the picnic area from the access road gate, via the picnic tables, to the car park gate. **COMPLETED**
- 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 was replaced with permanent signage by EAW during May 2018. Unfortunately this sign was vandalised. A new replacement sign has now been procured and it is anticipated that it will be re-located and installed during September 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 3rd kissing gate. **Completed**
- Install signage at 4 identified locations around walk. Temporary signage will now be replaced with permanent signage by EAW during September 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 vandalised foot bridge beside the old mill lade. **EAW will carry out this work if the 2018 funding from LandTrust is secured.**
- Arrange for the delivery and subsequent movement of additional path re-surfacing materials by Farmer J Smith to two agreed locations. **DCDH/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. **DCDH/EAW will organise the arrangements already agreed with the farmer when ground conditions allow and if further funding is secured.**
- Improve steps to and from route at Peden’s Point. **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 vegetation to improve the visual impact of 'Peden's Pulpit' **Completed by EAW**
- Clear away trees below bridge at Peden’s Point. **EAW will attempt to address 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. **EAW will attempt to address this during 2018 subject to further funding being secured.**
- Install the funded bench at an agreed location on the return section of the walk. **This has been completed by EAW**
- Erect 2nd “Welcome to the Lynn Glen” signage at end of walk. **COMPLETED**

- Repair/re-build bridge at Reid's end of walk.
Ongoing – requires DCDH securing further funding.
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Proposed Fairy Glen Trail. – Stage 2 signage

- Audrey Hillis and Julie Wales will provide an update.
Please note that Advertisign withdrew their offer of “no cost” signage provision for this initiative. – Ongoing and requires new funding.
- Fairy Glen Subgroup activities.
Diane will provide update

Progress:-

Although there appears to be a significant amount of outstanding actions to be addressed, the work undertaken over the past two years has 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 14th May 2018, and it was anticipated that EAW would be able to start the installation before the 2nd June 2018 event. The new signage installation was started and then subsequently halted during June 2018 to help assess the consequences of criminal damage (vandalism) being experienced at the Lynn Glen. 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 current outstanding funded works.

- The material purchase and delivery for the “back end” of Lynn Glen path restoration.
- The provision of a path through the picnic area from the access gate, via the picnic tables, to the car park gate.
- Children bulb/tree planting
- Installation of signage
- Path and steps repair
- Other listed actions

Way Forward

As the £15,000.00 Part 2 (Phase 4) application to LandTrust is now likely to be confirmed as successful some time in September/October 2018, 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, will then 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 funding is currently reliant on DCDH receiving formal notification from LandTrust that the £15,000.00 has been approved and sanctioned.

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.

What we should be attempting to achieve over the next 6 - 12 months:

- 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.
- 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.
- Replace/restore timber footbridges to ensure their long-term stability and public safety.
- Provision of new public and maintenance access gates from the service road into picnic area to promote use of this previously unmanaged area.
- Enhance the accessibility and amenity of the picnic area and car park to facilitate use by as wide a range of the users as possible.
- Complete the establishment of a Lynn Glen Trail with associated points of interest to encourage new and repeat users.
- 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.
- A calendar of educational and cultural events will take place to raise awareness of the site's rich history and environmental significance.
- In the summer of 2019 an event - 'The Big Fit Walk' will take place in partnership with Paths for All aimed to raise awareness of the paths remediation and to celebrate the benefits of being active and staying healthy.
- **The trees at the car park also need to be made safe.**

Lynn Glen Restoration Project – Income to Date

| 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 |
| ? | £? | Co-oP – phase 2 | Children – bush planting |
| ? | £? | Co-oP – phase 2 | Children – Tree planting |
| Should be confirmed by September 18 | £ 15,000.00 | LandTrust – Part 2 (phase 4) | Back end of Glen restoration. |
| 2019 | £1,000.00 | NAVT | Maintenance |
| 2020 | £1,000.00 | NAVT | Maintenance |
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Lynn Glen Restoration Project – Anticipated Expenditure to Date

| Date Paid | Amount | Paid to | Used for |
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| 19/04/2017 | £8,000.00 | EAW | Lynn Glen refurb |
| 09/06/2017 | £8,140.00 | EAW | Lynn Glen refurb |
| 09/08/2017 | £6,735.00 | East A Council/EAW | Lynn Glen refurb |
| 09/08/2017 | £ 66.98 | H Harkness | Lynn Glen refurb |
| 09/08/2017 | £ 38.35 | A Adamson | Meeting costs |
| 04/09/2017 | £ 70.00 | R Stalker | Burgers - event |
| 04/09/2017 | £ 42.00 | Advertisign | Logos |
| 04/09/2017 | £ 45.00 | S Woodside | Event - refreshments |
| 13/09/2017 | £ 66.72 | Reddance | Event – path material |
| 11/10/2017 | £ 363.76 | East A Council/EAW | Picnic Area Fence |
| 14/03/2018 | £ 79.62 | Reddance | 3 bags path material |
| 23/05/2018 | £1,008.00 | Advertisign | Permanent signage |
| | £ | EAW | 80 ton of path material |
| | £ | EAW | Picnic area path |
| 18/07/2018 | £ 48.00 | Advertisign | Replacement signage |
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