

**Minutes of the Dalry Community Development Hub Meeting of Trustees held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
2014 at the Turf Inn, Courthill Street from 7pm – 9pm**

**Present**

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

**In attendance**

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

**Item 1. Welcome & apologies for absence**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting the major purpose of which was to develop a business plan for DCDH. He then asked Paul Nellis of the Scottish Community Development Centre to facilitate this work.

Apologies had been received from Luke Borwick, Mary Gemmell and Lee McColl.

**Item 2. Dalry Community Development Hub (DCDH) Plan**

Group activities, discussion and shared feedback were facilitated by Paul Nellis. The following aspects were covered:

- Developing outcomes – what change would we like to see for Dalry?
- Outcome indicators
- Activities needed to meet our outcomes

Detail is set out in the initial plan (attached).

The outcomes hoped for were:

- Opportunities for young people in Dalry to be able to meet at night and at the weekends through a youth centre/café within the town centre.
- An additional venue for the community to meet as existing facilities are overstretched.
- Environmental improvements in Dalry. These to include enhancing the train station, improvements to pathways including Lynn Glen, tidying areas that are neglected, doing something about derelict buildings in the town.

**Item 3. Dalry Community Development Hub - Business**

**Progress on actions agreed at previous meeting, 23/10/2014**

3.1 Lynn Glenn

Acknowledgement of thanks was made to Luke Borwick who had initiated some voluntary work through North Ayrshire Council (NAC), this in his capacity as Chairman of the Access Forum for NAC.

3.2 Dalry Station

Hilary Storm updated the meeting re planting of shrubs and bulbs and clearance work that had been undertaken by 5-6 volunteers since September with noticeable results. This work had been undertaken in conjunction with Louis Wall of SW Scotland Railway Adopters Group.

### 3.3 Community Windpower Ltd

Alastair Adamson has updated the DCDH website on this topic which can be found at:  
<http://dcdh.btck.co.uk/Projects/WindFarmCommunityBenefits>

It was noted that the potential annual benefits for Garnock Valley could be £250,000. To date, Dalry organisations have received approximately £10,000 per annum. In addition, there is the Be Green shop and the educationalist funded by CWPL.

There is a need to talk with all relevant groups within Dalry to see if DCDH can speak for all and then to approach CWPL to enter into negotiation about the benefits.

**ACTION, James McCosh**

Audrey Hillis advised that there were a number of contacts listed within the Ayrshire 21 initiative recently completed.

It was also suggested that reference be made to national documentation on this subject.

Paul Nelis advised that the Hub needs to email the Chairpersons of Dalry Community Groups, saying that DCDH will go ahead with making such contact with reference to the mandate already given at the Hub Public meeting held on 1 October this year. It would be important to highlight what CWPL did not do, i.e. engage with the local community.

**ACTION, James McCosh**

### 3.4 Additional trustees

The Chairman welcomed Hamish Harkness and Stephanie Ross who had volunteered to represent business and youth interests respectively.

Other suggestions for trustees were:

Alan McGinley of Community Sports, though he had so far not been available to attend Hub meetings  
Mr McGill of the Computer Shack in Dalry

### 3.5 DCDH Website

The Chairman acknowledged grateful thanks to Alastair Adamson for his work and enthusiasm for establishing a website for the Hub.

### 3.6 DCDH Facebook page

Heather Grossart had recently set up a Facebook page for the Hub. Encouragement was given for people to 'like' and share the page amongst Dalry people. Thanks were expressed to Heather for this initiative.

### 3.7 DCDH Bank Account

The Treasurer informed the meeting:

- A. That a TSB account had now been opened at Dalry branch for the Hub and £2,000 had been received from NAC to support initial set up costs and activities.
- B. Of the Community development grant scheme run by NAC. Audrey Hillis had advised that the Hub can apply for funds from this next year. The priority within this was to address youth issues.

There was no further business for the meeting.

### Date, time and venue of next meeting

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7pm, venue to be confirmed.

