

Dalry Community Development Hub

Lynn Glen Restoration Project

23rd June 2019 update report

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 – **Completed by EAW/ P6 school children**
- Trees in car park to be made safe. **Initial work completed – ongoing NAC/EAW**
- 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**
- **Replace fence separating car park from meadow/river. This will now be completed by EAW during winter 2018/2019**

Picnic Area in community meadow:

- Cut grass and define picnic area in community meadow – **Initial cut completed by EAW. Further cutting will be undertaken by NAC/EAW when required**
- 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 has now been completed by EAW.
- 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. EAW will determine if their new recruits will be able to carry out preparatory works in advance of the proposed planting by children initiative.**

- 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
- **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.

- 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 has been installed by EAW.
- 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
- Tidy up and cut back vegetation. **Initial work completed – 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 has now been replaced with permanent signage by 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.
The area around the seat has still to be dressed with type 1 material. Action EAW
- Repair the vandalised foot bridge beside the old mill lade. **EAW has now completed this task.**
- **Repair identified path problems between 3rd kissing gate and Peden’s Point. EAW will now address this during 2018/2019 as further funding has been secured from LandTrust.**
- Arrange for the delivery and subsequent movement of additional path re-surfacing materials by Farmer J Smith to two agreed locations.
If additional material is required for this area, DCDH/EAW will organise the arrangements already agreed with the farmer when ground conditions allow now that further funding has been secured.
- Arrange for the delivery and subsequent movement of additional path re-surfacing materials by Farmer D Yorke to two agreed locations. **COMPLETED**
- **Improve steps to and from route at Peden’s Point. EAW will address this during 2018/2019, in conjunction with the repair of paths using the newly delivered materials, as further funding has now been secured from LandTrust.**

- **Improve paths and drainage at back end of walk.** EAW will now address this during 2018/2019 as further funding has been secured from LandTrust.
- 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 now address this during 2018/2019 as further funding has been secured from LandTrust.
- Help SSE with refurbishing of Bridge at Peden's Point. – SSE has completed this work and has agreed to maintain annually. – SSE will be contacted by SW regarding 2018/2019 work programme. 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 attempt to address this during 2018/2019
- Complete the outstanding work on both sets of steps on the return section of the walk. EAW will NOW address this during 2018/2019, as further funding has now been secured from LandTrust.
- Complete the outstanding work on the steps on the return section of the walk. EAW will NOW address this during 2018/2019, as further funding has now been secured from LandTrust.
- Install the funded bench at an agreed location on the return section of the walk. This has been completed by EAW. Area around set to be dressed with type 1 material.
- Erect 2nd "Welcome to the Lynn Glen" signage at end of walk. **COMPLETED**
- Repair bridge at Reid's end of walk.
EAW has suggested a method for the repair of the bridge which would allow for this urgent work to be carried out as soon as possible.
DCDH agreed with the suggestion made by EAW and asked that the work should commence using the funding now secured from LandTrust.
Unfortunately inclement weather caused the bridge to collapse before any on site work was started. The repair using a culvert solution is now in hand and it is anticipated that joint efforts of EAW/Jamieson Plant will result in completion of this task before the end of June 2019 - URGENT

Progress:-

DCDH now need more volunteers to help deliver all of the current outstanding funded works and support the long-term future of the Lynn Glen Trail.

- The material purchase and delivery via J Smiths farm for the south side of the "back end" of Lynn Glen path restoration, if required
- Children bush/tree planting
- Path and steps repair
- Bridge repair
- Drainage maintenance
- Other listed actions and other subsequent identified issues

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.

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 has confirmed that all works will be completed with funds now available.

What we should be attempting to achieve over the next 2 months:

- Establish when the LandTrust funding requires to be spent.
- Make the necessary arrangements to draw down funding from NAVT.
2019: £1000
2020: £1000
- Carry out planting funded by C.A,F (Co-oP).
- Replace collapsed bridge with new culvert solution to ensure their long-term stability and public safety.
- 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.
- Address all other outstanding items detailed in this report.
- 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.
- A 2019 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.

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	C.A.F Co-oP – phase 2	Children – bulb planting
09/07/2018	£ 211.32	C.A.F. Co-oP – phase 2	Children – bush planting
22/11/2018	£1,214.53	C.A.F. Co-oP – phase 2	Children – Tree planting
30/10/2018	£ 15,000.00 Draw down arrangement	LandTrust – Part 2 (phase 4)	Back end of Glen restoration.
2019	£1,000.00 Draw down arrangement	NAVT	Maintenance
2020	£1,000.00 Draw down arrangement	NAVT	Maintenance
01/04/19	£3000.00	LandTrust first payment	Back end of Glen restoration.
Total	£32,148.61		

The above is the total funding currently available to undertake restoration works and associated activities at the Lynn Glen.

This is the confirmed draw down funding which will be made available on completion of specific works.

£3,000.00 of the £15,000.00 has now been received from LandTrust.(01/04/19)

Lynn Glen Restoration Project – Expenditure to Date

Date Paid	Amount	Paid to	Used for
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
23/07/2018	£ 48.00	Advertisign	Replacement signage
09/10/2018	£2,500.00	East A Council/EAW	Part 2 phase 3 works
08/01/2019	£ 116.08	Various	
17/01/2019	£ 60.00	Trowels	
01/03/2019	£ 325.20	E.A.C./EAW	???
04/03/2019	£3,000.00	E.A.C./EAW	Picnic area gates and path
Total	£30,704.71		

The above reflects the expenditure incurred and recorded to date.

Balance currently in account to fund the completion of all identified works and events: £32,148.61 - £30,704.71 = £1,443.90

Funds available but not yet deposited in DCDH account:-

LandTrust £12,000.00 and 2019, 2020 NAVT (£1,000.00 + £1,000.00) = £14,000.00

Balance currently held for Lynn Glen restoration project = £1,443.90