

## Drymen Community Development Trust (DCDT)

### Director’s Meeting

2000h 26 September 2023

Drymen Village Hall

Meeting chaired by: Richard Boddington, Chair, DCDT

Present: Richard Boddington – Chair (RB), Ewan Mackay Vice-chair (EM), Hilary Soanes – Treasurer (HS), Simon Reid - Secretary (SPR), Robert Coleman & Allison Wright

Apologies: Katy Gibb, Rae Gibb, Struan Robb & Sam Baird

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1	RB opened the meeting by welcoming all including Mrs Allison Wright		
3	The minutes from the meeting held on 4 September 2023 were briefly considered with no amendments proposed. <b>Proposed by RB and seconded by HS</b>		
4	Finance – Treasurer’s Report (see attached summary) Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£11k now due from the Road Safety Trust for the current Road Safety Trial and this will restore this fund to a positive balance.</li> <li>Macron has been paid for the changes to white lines and the marking of the crossing point. It was noted that working with Macron was very easy as well as value for money.</li> <li>Gift Aid is now due to be collected and is worth approximately £350, EM to follow up.</li> </ul>	EM	ASAP
5	Update on Activities a. <b>Road Safety Trial (RST)</b> The questionnaire being prepared by the DCC was briefly discussed. RB noted that he had attended one of the DCC survey drop-in sessions and provided feedback that he felt the DCC should take the opportunity to ask the community broader questions about support for road safety options in the village, while levels of engagement were high. It was noted that monitoring was currently underway for the RST in case the RST finishes early because of the responses to the RST questionnaire. In addition, monitoring had been commissioned at the three entrances/exits of the village. It was noted that		

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	<p>there may be future opportunities for grant funding for safer routes to school or similar.</p> <p>Lastly, RC raised a novel observation that the questionnaire respondents would be biased to car drivers as the wide geographically area of valid respondents (Drymen &amp; Buchanan). SPR to raise with DCC,</p>	SPR	27/09/23
	<p>b. <b>Toilets Feasibility Study</b> All four bids had been received and were discussed and merits were considered by the DCDT. It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with the bid from Community Enterprise to complete a Public Toilets Feasibility Study for the DCDT.</p> <p>RB to contact unsuccessful bidders.</p> <p>HS &amp; RB to contact Community Enterprise to set up a first meeting.</p> <p>RC offered to share the running costs of the Loch Leven toilets with DCDT for information.</p> <p>It was agreed that RB would contact Stirling Council and the Loch Lomond &amp; Trossachs National Park to supply and operate temporary toilets especially for the 2024 'summer season'.</p> <p>It was noted that actual toilets could provide useful footfall information.</p>	RB	ASAP
		HS/RB	ASAP
		RC	TBC
		RB	TBC
	<p>c. <b>Ebike Loan Scheme</b></p> <p>It was noted that the scheme had been extended until the end of October.</p> <p>It was noted that the small ebike shed door lock needed securing to be actioned by SPR.</p> <p>A meeting of the ebike users to held to gain insights and feedback to be organised by HS.</p>	SPR	ASAP
		HS	TBC
	<p>d. <b>Balfron/Drymen Shared Path Feasibility</b></p> <p>It was noted that Balfron High School now had an Active Travel Officer, and it was agreed that RB would contact them.</p>	RB	TBC
	<p>e. <b>Piping In the Square</b></p> <p>It was agreed to defer discussion of this topic until the following meeting – SPR to schedule.</p>	SPR	24/10/23
	<p>f. <b>Paths Group</b></p> <p>It was noted that that it is the intention to reform the Paths Group but would currently work on an ad hoc basis.</p> <p>Paths Leaflet – SPR explained he had written to Tom Wallace, but it was suggested that Paul Saunders would know who had the Paths Leaflet master. SPR to follow up.</p>	ALL	
		SPR	ASAP

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	<p>A workgroup is needed to prepare a section of the Square for winter (pruning/weeding). SPR to coordinate with Marina Brennan of Drymen in Bloom to set a date.</p> <p>g. <b>Village Square Electricity Supply</b> It was agreed that RB should continue to try and successfully contact Octopus Energy about the BETA tariff for the Bus Shelter.</p>	<p>SPR</p> <p>RB</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>
6	Admin & Filing – it was noted that the DCDT Dropbox needs cleaning up and files updated and uploading. SPR & RB to look at this.	RB/ SPR	ASAP

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7	<p>Any Other Competent Business</p> <p>a. It was noted that the Covid-19 Dongle Scheme was ending</p> <p><b>b. Community Transport</b> The Drymen Community Council had written to the DCDDT asking it to investigate grant funding for community transport schemes. Concerns were raised that capital funding is not the only obstacle as other communities had experienced lack of drivers despite having funding and equipment. This was discussed and it was agreed that RB would write back to the DCC suggesting a joint workgroup.</p> <p><b>c. Christmas Lights</b> It was agreed that EM would progress lights for the trees in the Square</p> <p><b>d. Village Square Risk Assessment Inspection</b> It was noted that the Risk Assessment Inspection was due by 26/10/23 and it was agreed that RB would lead. RB also suggested he would follow up with the DCC Chair David Mackie for his 'tarmac connection'.</p> <p><b>e. Advent Windows</b> It was noted that the DCDDT bandwidth was in short supply due to other projects, and it was agreed RB should ask the DCC if it would jointly organise the Advent Windows this year with the DCDDT.</p>	<p>RB</p> <p>EM</p> <p>RB</p> <p>RB</p> <p>RB</p>	<p>03/10/23</p> <p>TBC</p> <p>26/10/23</p> <p>TBC</p> <p>03/10/23</p>

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8	<b>Next Meeting:</b> 2000h Tuesday 24 October 2023 Village Hall		

**Treasurer's Report 25/09/23**

**Book Balance £           £42533.60           Restricted £27784.44 / Unrestricted £14749.16**

**Actual Balances:**

Old Treasurer's Account	£1170.36
Current Account	£25.83
Instant Access Savings	£11857.07
35 Day Notice Account	<u>£29480.34</u>
Total	£42533.60

**Restricted Balances:**

- **Drymen Website**   £2641.96
- **Drymen to Balmaha Paths Fund**                             £29226.13
- **Paths Leaflets**   £990.37 – need new one's printed
- **Information Boards**   £459.27 – to update next tourist season
- **Defibrillator Fund**   £200.00
- **Electricity on the Square**                                     £61.86 – 2 months direct debit covered
- **EBike / Meanders**   £689.22
- **Road Safety Trial**   (£6484.07) - £11417.37 is due imminently from Road Safety Trust to bring this back to credit.
- **Play Park**   £0 – following Carol Still & Charlie Wallace agreement to transfer balance to 'unrestricted' – **CLOSED**

**Unrestricted:**

**30<sup>th</sup> August B/F   14631.94**

**Income**

Interest	92.32
Transfer from Playpark	14.90
Membership	<u>10.00</u>
	117.22

**Expenditure   0.00**

**Balance   14749.16**

**Summary**

- Gift Aid return has been submitted to HMRC with c.£350 claim expected in a few weeks' time
- Signatories updated at the bank and Richard has now replaced Paul as third signatory
- Play Park fund is now closed and the E Bike and Meander funds merged into one fund (all bike related)
- To do - Membership reminder letter to be drafted to lapsed members

**Hilary Soanes  
DCDT Treasurer**