



Minutes of Drymen Community Development Trust (DCDT) Director's Meeting 2000h 24 October 2023 Drymen Village Hall

Meeting chaired by: Richard Boddington

Present: Richard Boddington – Chair (RB), Ewan Mackay - Vice-chair (EM), Hilary Soanes – Treasurer (HS), Simon Reid - Secretary (SPR), Katy Gibb (KG) Struan Robb (SR), Sam Baird (SB).

| REF | AGENDA |
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| 1 | Welcome |
| 2 | Apologies |
| 3 | Approval of minutes (from 26 September) |
| 4 | Finance |
| 5 | Update on activities: a) Road Safety Trial – questionnaire, further monitoring b) Toilets – feasibility update c) Ebike Short Loan Scheme. d) Cycle Path Feasibility e) Piping on the Square review f) Paths Group – info from Balfron group, choose a date! g) Village Square electricity supply |
| 6 | Admin and filing |
| 7 | AOCB a) Tidy up of area around butchers b) Square inspection c) Joan Sidey plaque request |
| 8 | Future meeting locations/dates |

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| 2 | Apologies: Rae Gibb (RG), Robert Coleman (RC). | | |
| 3 | Approval of minutes from 26 September, | | |
| | proposed: EM seconded: HS | | |
| 4 | Treasurer's Report (see attached summary) | | |
| | Highlights | | |
| | Road Safety Trial (RST) back in credit following a transfer of a proportion of the grant funding to DCDT from the Road Safety Trust. | | |
| | DCDT has received an invoice for the collection of Road Traffic Data. | | |
| | • EM has submitted a grant application for installation of a blue badge parking space on the square. | | |
| | £350 Gift Aid 12-15 members have lapsed in September, membership down to 101. Follow up with lapsed members. | HS | ASAP |
| | Investigate Direct Debit payment method. Paths Fund (Drymen to Balmaha) dormant but it was noted | HS | ASAP |
| | that the National Park is aware. | | |
| 5 | Update on Activities | | |
| | a) Road Safety Trial | | |
| | Additional monitoring has been completed and report | | |
| | produced. Road Safety Trial questionnaire is being | | |
| | progressed by DCC. DCC is considering using SurveyMonkey | | |
| | for the electronic element of the questionnaire with a | | |
| | potential cost of £99. Tacit agreement given by the | | |
| | Directors present with SPR to find out more and how | CDD | 4640 |
| | printing will be handled. | SPR | ASAP |
| | b) Toilets Claire Martin of Community Enterprise is moving forward | | |
| | with a study of alternatives and their viability in order that | | |
| | DCDT can demonstrate all avenues have been considered | | |
| | when a funding request is made. | | |
| | DCDT should get Drymen business owners on-board. | ALL | ASAP |
| | RB contacted Stirling Council's Land Manager re: | | |
| | Toilets/Land Purchase, feedback was that no decoupling | | |
| | from Springfield (MacMic) development. | | |
| | c) Ebike Short Loan Scheme | | |
| | Bike batteries out to preserve them from cold winter | | |
| | temperatures. Rowan Higgins (Drymen Village Hall) has | | |
| | been made aware vis-à-vis booking. | | |
| | d) Cycle Path Feasibility | | |
| | RB to contact Tom Horner, Active Travel & Infrastructure at Stirling Council to brief him. | RB | ASAP |
| | RB has spoken to the Active Travel Officer at Balfron High | RB | ASAP |
| | School who is supportive of the initiative. RB to seek a letter | | |
| | of support from him. | | |

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| | David Hopper from Stirling Council was on the ELL visitor management call (20/10/2023) and noted that, despite budget deficits at Stirling Council, there was likely to be an increased active travel budget from government. e) Piping on the Square review It was agreed to get all the Pipe Majors together and agree contractual dates with them for next year's season. KG to organise for perhaps early in the New Year. f) Paths Group – info from Balfron group RB shared useful feedback from his meeting with Tim from the Balfron Paths Group, specifically on insurance and safe working practices especially relating to volunteers. g) Village Square electricity supply | КG | ТВС |
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| | Electricity Supply with Octopus, RB to check drymen.org spam filter for potential emails and HS to follow up with Octopus through its website. | RB | ASAP ASAP |
| | | HS | |
| X1 | Community Bus Service A community bus service was discussed, and it was noted that a reliable service would attract users, a bus service could run during the day and outwith those hours the bus could be rented and/or used by community groups. The project will need to be raised again with the DCC and then a joint group could approach other communities such as Buchannan, Fintry etc to form a steering group to take the project forward. | REVIEW ALL | ТВС |
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| | For information, EM explained he was meeting with Buchanan Community Power to explain how Octopus Energy Community Energy Scheme could work for them. | |
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| 8 | Next meeting: | |
| | Tuesday 28 November 2023 Drymen Village Hall at 8pm. | |



Treasurer's Report 25/09/23

| Book Balance £ £4253 | 3.60 Restri | cted £27784.44 / Unrestricted £14749.16 | | | |
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| Actual Balances: | | | | | |
| Old Treasurer's Account Current Account Instant Access Savings 35 Day Notice Account Total | £1170.36 £25.83 £11857.07 <u>£29480.34</u> £42533.60 | | | | |
| Restricted Balances: | | | | | |
| Drymen Website Drymen to Balmaha Paths Fund Paths Leaflets Information Boards Defibrillator Fund Electricity on the Square EBike / Meanders Road Safety Trial Road Safety Trust to bring this back to Play Park agreement to transfer balance to 'un | | £0 – following Carol Still & Charlie Wallace | | | |
| Unrestricted: | Unrestricted: | | | | |
| 30 th August B/F | | 14631.94 | | | |
| Income | | | | | |
| Interest Transfer from Playpark Membership Expenditure | 92.32 14.90 <u>10.00</u> 117.22 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 | | | | | |

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Hilary Soanes DCDT Treasurer