

**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
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



	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>g) Village Square electricity supply Electricity Supply with Octopus, RB to check drymen.org spam filter for potential emails and HS to follow up with Octopus through its website.</p>	<p>KG</p> <p>RB</p> <p>HS</p>	<p>TBC</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>
X1	<p>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.</p>	<p>REVIEW ALL</p>	<p>TBC</p>
6	<p>Admin &amp; Filing</p>	<p>SPR/RB</p>	<p>TBC</p>
7	<p>AOCB</p> <p>(a) Pre-winter tidy up outside Butcher's &amp; Library SPR to follow up with M.Brennan about jobs required.</p> <p>(b) Square Inspection – RB carried out inspection -report to be completed.</p> <p>(c) Joan Sidey plaque Request HS to finalise.</p> <p>(d) Our Library is under threat – watching brief.</p> <p>(e) Loch Lomond &amp; Trossachs &amp; Stirling Council Temporary Toilets. RB to follow up.</p> <p>(f) East Loch Lomond Trust is seeking an asset transfer from Stirling Council of the Balmaha carpark. SPR to ask DCC if it is willing to support this.</p> <p>(g) Congratulations to the Drymen Heritage Group which has been published internationally by the Buchanan Clan from the research completed by Carol Hemfrey, especially her research on Drumekin Castle.</p> <p>(h) The War Memorial needs repointing, David Mackie had been leading on this previously. EM explained that he needs quotes in order apply for grant funding. SPR to follow up with David Mackie.</p>	<p>SPR</p> <p>RB</p> <p>HS</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>RB</p> <p>SPR</p> <p>SPR</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>TBC</p> <p>TBC</p> <p>TBC</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>

	(i) For information, EM explained he was meeting with Buchanan Community Power to explain how Octopus Energy Community Energy Scheme could work for them.		
8	Next meeting: Tuesday 28 November 2023 Drymen Village Hall at 8pm.		

