



Drymen Community Development Trust
Directors' Meeting
2000h 30 January 2024 Drymen Village Hall



Meeting chaired by: Richard Boddington, Chair, DCDT

Present: Richard Boddington (Chair), Hilary Soanes (Treasurer), Simon Reid (Secretary), Rae Gibb, Katy Gibb, [later] Ewan Mackay (Vice-Chair)

Apologies: Struan Robb, Robert Coleman, Sam Baird

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| | Approval of Previous Minutes The minutes from 28 November 2023 were proposed by RB and seconded by HS. | | |
| | Road Safety Trial (RST) (I) DCDT to write up report required for the Road Safety Trust as TP+E may not be able to do this. Possible requirement for expert technical analysis. RB & EM to follow up with Road Safety Trust. (II) Some barrels still require to be delivered | EM & RB EM & All | |
| | E-bikes (I) £2,000 received from Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise's (SVE) Health & Well-being Fund grant. (II) All to decide next actions: bike servicing; insurance, provision of helmets, gloves etc (III) Relaunch and logistics of the e-Bike Club need to be agreed, possibly by a separate meeting, for relaunch in March. (IV) It was noted that one of bike sheds failed to open but this was rectified by EM changing the batteries in the smart lock (V) RB to produce printed instructions for the bike lockers | All All RB | |
| | Defibrillator (I) It was reported that the village defibrillator has gone missing (as had the defibrillator at Inversnaid) – cost to replace is circa. £1,200. It was suggested that the DCDT could make a contribution to its replacement. HS to contact Trossachs Search & Rescue. | All | |

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| | <p>Electricity Supply to the Square</p> <p>(I) HS was congratulated for organising a discount/refund/gesture of goodwill from the Supplier</p> <p>(II) HS will supply monthly meter readings to the Supplier</p> <p>(III) SPR to give an electricity cubicle key</p> | <p>HS</p> <p>SPR</p> | |
| | <p>Village Toilets</p> <p>(I) HS presented a bill for works carried out from Community Enterprise (CE) for £3,000. It was agreed this should be paid.</p> <p>(II) The grant funding for the public toilets feasibility study came in two parts but the grant needing to be spent by 31 March - and so it was noted that it may be unproductive to request second part. Approximately £4k of £10k allocated and spent. This is in part due to uncertainty about the location of toilets impacting our ability to progress detailed plans and designs. RB to contact SVE to discuss options for delaying the second tranche.</p> <p>(III) Springfield to be contacted for another meeting including Drymen Community Council (DCC) representative.</p> <p>(IV) It was agreed that the DCDT would reorganise the regular DCDT meeting schedule to allow RB and others to attend the Community Ownership event on 27FEB24.</p> <p>(V) SPR to book Hall for meeting 12MAR24</p> <p>(VI) Claire from CE provided a final report which identified a possible operating funding shortfall of between £5k & £8k per annum. Options will be explored to fill this funding gap.</p> <p>(VII) A meeting with local businesses has been arranged for 06FEB24</p> <p>(VIII) Stirling Council to be to find out about time scales with regard to arrangements for land transfer</p> <p>(IX) CE will present its findings of its Feasibility Study to the next DCC meeting 06FEB24</p> | <p>HS</p> <p>RB</p> <p>RB</p> <p>RB & All</p> <p>SPR</p> <p>RB, HS & All</p> <p>RB</p> <p>RB</p> | |
| | <p>Piping in the Square</p> <p>(I) The Scottish Pipe Band Organisation was contacted, and due to confidentiality, it emailed piping groups directly with little success. However, KG has been contacted by one organisation which has offered to contact others.</p> <p>(II) Several bands' Pipe Majors may be available for a meeting in April. There are several ideas being followed up including having Scottish Dancers. KG will report progress.</p> | <p>KG</p> | |

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| | <p>Funding/Grants</p> <p>(I) EM has applied for funding related to the provision of disabled access at the Square – including a disabled parking space, ramps/ dropped kerbs, footpath and road resurfacing where necessary to the UK Levelling -up Fund via Stirling Council.</p> <p>(II) Graeme Fraser to be approached for a quote to restore/repair War Memorial</p> <p>(III) Gallow Hill Wood – RB to discuss with Peter Phillips options for management of the Wood. It was agreed that the DCDT does not want to take a coordinating role but would support others. RB to discuss business planning and grant opportunities.</p> | RB RB | |
| | <p>Community Transport</p> <p>(I) The community transport working group is being set up in conjunction with the DCDT & DCC with SPR & KG as members together with EM (if grant funding application required)</p> | | |
| | <p>Paths Group</p> <p>(I) RB to meet with Mick Foran, National Park on 08FEB24 to see risk assessment statements for volunteer rangers.</p> <p>(II) Path Clearing Day organised for 24FEB24, consider a Toolbox talk before its start.</p> | RB RB | |
| | <p>Paths Feasibility Study</p> <p>(I) Tom Horner to be followed up for progress of the Paths Feasibility Study.</p> | RB | |
| | <p>Annual Village Spring Clean</p> <p>(I) This has been organised for 23MAR24. RB to publicise.</p> | RB | |
| | <p>Next Meeting: Tuesday 12MAR24 at 2000h Drymen Village Hall</p> | | |

Treasurer's Report 26/01/2024

Book Balance £56,924.15 Restricted £41,069.79 / Unrestricted £15,854.36

Actual Balances:

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| Old Treasurer's Account | 405.56 |
| Current Account | 4,738.04 |
| Instant Access Savings | 11,914.14 |
| 35 Day Notice Savings | <u>39,866.41</u> |
| Total | 56,924.15 |

Restricted Balances;

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| • Drymen Website | £2,601.17 | No movement |
| • Drymen to Balmaha Paths Fund | £29,226.13 | No movement |
| • Paths Leaflets | £990.37 | No movement |
| • Information Boards | £459.27 | No movement |
| • Defibrillator Fund | £200.00 | No movement |

In December a 'Drymen For All' Facebook post brought attention to the fact that the defibrillator is no longer in the box. I called Trossachs SAR (Simon) and he says it remains a mystery. There is also one missing at Inversnaid. He did say that the ambulance service is aware that it is not available from that location, so it prevents the worst happening. It remains a problem as replacing it will be £1200 (or thereabouts). They may need to put out an appeal for funds for both these. He has my number and will update me if, and when, they come to any decisions about what to do next. I didn't offer any help (though mentioned we are holding funds for replacement pads). It crossed my mind this could be a cause worth our support?

• Electricity on the Square NIL

Prior magic grants allocated to the electricity have now run out. Electricity is now being paid from unrestricted funds. We have finally gone live with Panel Power from Octopus Energy and received a credit note of £88.26 on 28th December which reflected solar energy generated and back dated to May 2023. Energy export is still not automated (via the Smart Meter) and we need to input readings manually from time to time. I suggest we do this quarterly. Happy to take control of this but need the meter key (from Ewan). Suggest sending in an export reading 28th March. Our contract is valid to 01/12/24 @ 15p/kWh.

The fixed contract with Octopus ended on 11th January and we have renewed for another 12-month period. The new tariff is 24.01p/kWh; 61.55p/day (from 66.61p/kWh; 50.3p/day).

On a side note, although we received a paper credit note, I cannot see that it has actually been applied to our account (via the online portal). I have queried this and have asked for a full reconciliation before I am happy our 'complaint' is resolved.

• EBike/Meanders £2,689.22

In December we received £2000 from Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise following Ewan's success in applying to the Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund. This is to provide support towards the Lead Cycle Scheme and to pay a contribution towards E Bike insurance, E Bike servicing, Cycle Helmets and refresher First Aid & Leader Training. Some discussion needed about this but it secures the E Bike project for another year, at least.

• Road Safety Trial £3,403.93

This is the remaining account following the removal of the road safety trial. We have paid Markon and refunded DCC for the survey. Other than an additional bill expected for a village hall booking, I am not aware of any outstanding accounts? To discuss.

• Public Toilets £1,500.00

We received this amount from The Community Pride Fund in December which is part of the 'match funding' condition of the Forth Valley & Lomond CLLD Grant. We have an outstanding interim invoice to pay from Community Enterprise for £3,000 and need to discuss sending off the claim form (already drafted) Part 1 of their grant is £5,050 (split £4,050 Feasibility Study / £1,000 legal fees). No legal work has yet been instructed.

Unrestricted Balance:

25/11/23 B/F £15,353.45

Income

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| Interest | 238.12 |
| Membership | 69.12 |
| Planters | <u>330.00</u> |
| | 637.24 |

Expenditure

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| Meeting Room | 15.00 |
| Skep design (Advent Windows) | 50.00 |
| Confirmation Statement (CompanyHse) | 13.00 |
| Electricity | <u>58.33</u> |
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Balance £15,854.36

Membership

Total paid up members are 103 which is up by 7 on November stats.

Hilary Soanes

DCDT Treasurer