



**DCDT Enterprise Company  
Directors Meeting – 26th April 2021 (Zoom Call)**

**Directors Present:** Richard Boddington (RB), Ewan MacKay (EM), Paul Saunders (PS)

**Non-Directors Present:** Robert Coleman (RC), Katy Gibb (KG), Rae Gibb (RG), Louise MacInnes (LM)

Item	Discussion	Actioner
1.	<p><b>Welcome</b> Meeting via Zoom due to Covid-19.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Apologies</b> Davie Allan (DA), David Mackie (DM), Struan Robb (SR) unable to attend.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Approval of minutes from last meeting</b> Minutes of 22 March 2021 meeting proposed by EM &amp; seconded by RB.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The village litter pick on 27 March was well attended and successful. Thanks to the Robbs for clearing the bypass and also removing all the collected litter. Thanks to Skoosh for supporting the event with free ice creams for kids taking part.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Membership</b> EM has continued his membership drive and increased numbers from 117 to 134 since the last meeting.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report (EM)</b> As of 5<sup>st</sup> April, we have <b>£46,459.97</b> in the bank, however taking into account the variance's below we have £46,193.81 of which £40,807.45 is restricted and £ 5,386.36 is unrestricted. These figures will make up our year end position.</p> <p>The Variance shown consists of these items, which have not hit the bank account yet.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. £-93.36 – The next payment to 3 for the digital inclusion project comes out the bank on the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month.</li> <li>2. £-172.80 of costs for the website project.</li> </ol> <p>Notable changes in the period to our financial position are receipt of £1037.13 of gift aid claim from the HMRC and receipt of grant funding.</p>	

We have now past the financial year end so we are able to submit a further claim to the HMRC for Gift aid for the 20/21 financial period, this will amount to £298.23

**Grants applied for:**

- a) Grant from the National Lottery for funds to Develop a Web site - £3,600
- b) Grant from the Stirling Community Pride fund for Developing the Web Site Content - £1,200 (awarded)
- c) Grant from the Stirling Community Pride fund for the Square Parking Place Repairs - £1,500 (awarded)
- d) Grant from the Stirling Community Pride fund for Information Boards - £1,390 (£1,000 awarded)
- e) Magic Wee Grant from the Post Code Lottery for Information Boards / History Walk - £500
- f) We have been invited to submit a second stage funding application to Viridor Credits – Scottish Land Fund for £8,928 towards the Repairs in the Square.
- g) NatureScot, Better Places fund 2, for the Square - £16,318 (should hear w/c 3 May)

**Funds in place for Parking Place Repairs**

£1,000 friends of Loch Lomond

£1,000 Drymen Community Council

**6. Activity for 2021 - Priority**

**a) Village Website**

It was agreed by all present that Mhairi Duncan should be contracted (and paid £1,300) to collect together the content required for the website from the various groups in the village who would be interested in having a presence on the site (e.g. DCDT, DCC, Drymen Reporter, Village Hall, Church, Probus, History group, Youth Café, Under 5s, local businesses etc.). Mhairi will curate and re-write as required to ensure consistency across the different organisations. Some information is now coming in from organisations – hall users, RSPB.

The wording “Discover Drymen” was agreed as the basis of a logo/slogan for both the website and the information boards.

Any grant money not required for creating the website will be retained to cover ongoing updates and maintenance to the site. (It was confirmed that the grant money has no end-date by which it must be spent.)

Future developments to the website could involve audio tours of the village, with links from the information boards in the village.

Aim is for the website to be live before the AGM in June.

*Action: PS/EM to instruct Mhairi to collect the website content. Task specification required?*

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	<p><i>Action: PS to engage with a designer to work on the village website “Discover Drymen” logo</i></p> <p><i>Action: PS to begin to create the website structure</i></p> <p><b>b) Information Boards and Signage</b></p> <p>Two funding applications made for info boards. £1,000 awarded with £500 outstanding.</p> <p>Significant discussion about the info boards. The agreed outcomes for the square were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That we would gratefully accept the offer of the RSPB to produce two boards that can be used for the archway between the library and the hotel.</li> <li>• That we would develop up to three further boards using history/heritage and active travel themes. The final locations of these boards were not finalised with debate about whether one or more could be placed on, or by the bus shelter.</li> <li>• Boards will be portrait format and approximately 0.6m by 1.0m, although some suggested slightly larger might work better.</li> <li>• It was suggested that the theme for all boards could be “passing through”, which can be applied to the current walking and cycling routes, Drymen history and migrating and invasive wildlife.</li> <li>• A future meeting will be used early in May to sign off on the content of the history/heritage and active travel boards.</li> </ul> <p>It was suggested that if successful further boards/markers could be added in different locations as part of a future funding project, ideas that were discussed in the meeting for these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 360 degree sign at the viewpoint.</li> <li>• Footstep marker on green to mark start of the Rob Roy Way.</li> <li>• Something to highlight the pump stones.</li> </ul> <p>Some great ideas to consider after initial boards are completed.</p> <p><i>Action: There will be a separate meeting to discuss the boards at 8pm on Thursday 6 May.</i></p> <p><b>c) Village Square Improvements</b></p> <p>EM’s proposal that the parking spaces at the south end of the square be monoblocked with a low curb to the road, that a curb be created between the spaces and the flower bed and also along the entrance to the Ptarmigan bar, was agreed by all.</p> <p><i>Action: EM to instruct Gavin Brice to prepare suitable drawings for submission to the National Park Authority for a planning indication. The plan also to include an indicative bike parking location.</i></p>	<p>PS</p> <p>PS</p> <p>TBC</p> <p>EM</p>
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	<p>It was also noted that a six-monthly inspection of the square was due.</p> <p><i>Action: RB, RC and RG to carry out an inspection on 27 April (completed)</i></p> <p><b>7. Activity for 2021 - Other</b></p> <p><b>a) Active Travel</b> The active travel survey closed on 22 April and had 113 responses. An Active Travel Action Plan for the village is being produced and a draft should be ready before the next board meeting, with the final version available before the AGM, where it can be presented.</p> <p><i>Action: RB to continue to work on the Active Travel Action Plan with Jim Riach.</i></p> <p><b>b) Commemorative Tree for Mr. Cameron</b> It has been agreed that the money left to the DCDT by Mr. Cameron will be used to buy a tree to be planted outside the Health Centre, with accompanying plaque. These will celebrate not only Mr. Cameron's life but also the work done by the NHS, particularly during the Covid pandemic.</p> <p><i>Action: EM to source a tree (with advice from Mrs. Cameron) and a plaque.</i></p> <p><i>Action: PS to compose the words for the plaque.</i></p> <p><b>c) Piping in the Square</b> Strathendrick Pipe Band (SPB) has suggested that it might be able to play some Thursdays in July/August. Helensburgh pipe band may be able to do some Thursdays. Balfron High School (BHS) cannot provide a band but may be able to provide solo pipers (maybe two taking in turns?)</p> <p><i>Action: PS to catch up with Fraser Robb about alternative pipe bands playing over the summer.</i></p> <p><i>Action: KG to look for some options.</i></p> <p>Note: RB has a contact in Doune Pipe Band and is in touch with them about band or solo possibilities.</p>	<p>RB, RC, RG</p> <p>RB</p> <p>EM</p> <p>PS</p> <p>PS</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b>Dates for future meetings</b> Information Boards Meeting: 8pm on Thursday 6 May. Next Directors Meeting: 8pm on Monday 24 May. AGM: Monday 21 June.</p>	

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