



DCDT Enterprise Company

Directors Meeting – 25th October 2021 (at Rae and Katy Gibb’s house)

Directors Present: Richard Boddington (RB), Katy Gibb (KG), Rae Gibb (RG), Ewan MacKay (EM), Struan Robb (SR), Paul Saunders (PS)

Non-Directors Present: Robert Coleman (RC) on Zoom

Item	Discussion	Actioner
	<p>DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Minutes of last meeting (27/9) for review • Square Inspection Report 18/10/21 • Heritage Audio Tour brief document <p>1. WELCOME Thanks to Katy and Rae for hosting the meeting .</p> <p>2. APOLOGIES David Mackie (DM) unable to attend.</p> <p>3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING PS noted that the Christmas tree was donated by Ewan Duff, not James Duff.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Action: RB - minutes to be updated accordingly.</i></p> <p>Minutes of 27 September 2021 meeting proposed by EM & seconded by RG subject to change above.</p> <p>4. TREASURER’S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP(EM) As of 23rd Oct, we have £ 46,138.89 of which £ 40,594.78 is restricted and £ 5,544.11 is unrestricted.</p> <p>Notable changes in the period to our financial position are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our Membership has risen to 142 with the addition of 3 new members. All memberships are paid up to date. <p>Thanks to EM for his hard work chasing up membership renewals.</p> <p><u>Breakdown of Restricted funds</u></p> <p>Paths fund - £29,226.13 – This is for the completion of the path to Balmaha, which will be undertaken by the National Park</p> <p>The Square - £0 – We have no funds allocated</p> <p>The Play Park - £3,681.40 – Awaiting invoice from the council for additional benches</p> <p>Digital Inclusion - £(38.08) – The covid support group to provide additional funds to extend this project until Xmas</p> <p>Paths Leaflet - £736.49 – This is to cover the cost of reprinting this leaflet. (This should be looked at once the walking tour is finalised and boards in place)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RB</p>

	<p>Web Site - £3427.20 – This is to cover ongoing costs for the web site – also if required to pay someone to keep it updated.</p> <p>Info boards / Historic walk - £3561.64 – For completion of the Information boards and historic walk</p> <p>Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A grant application to the National Park Green Recovery fund for Renovation and transformation of the Bus shelter into a green E-bike charging point - £28K – Successful – Award documents received, awaiting payment of funds. • An application was submitted to Leader for £10k for a Study and updating of Existing TP&E drawings – We were unsuccessful in this funding application. • Applications submitted to for funding the square access road: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lovel Local – Awaiting outcome. 2. Rural communities Ideas into action fund – Awaiting Outcome. 3. Suez Landfill Communities fund – initial application declined on the grounds they don't fund road works. • An application is still to be submitted to Viridor Landfill Communities fund for funding for square access road. • We submitted a funding application on behalf of the Covid Support group to the Co-op which was successful. <p>Thanks to EM for all his work on these grant applications.</p> <p><i>Action: All agreed that EM should assign £1500 to reserved funds for the bus shelter project, as the firm prices are coming in higher than the quotes.</i></p>	
5.	<p>BUS STOP GRANT AWARD</p> <p>Refurbishment of the bus stop (in particular the installation of the solar roof and the concrete pad for bike racks) requires planning consent, which is unlikely to be in place before Feb/Mar 2022.</p> <p>It is EM's understanding that the award of the grant is not dependent on planning being in place and that we should have the money up front in November.</p> <p>As the solar roof and the bike chargers both have a significant lead time (8weeks and 6 weeks respectively) it was agreed to go ahead with the order of these items once the money has been transferred. As the NPA is the funder and the planning authority, it is proposed that we ask them to accelerate the planning to ensure it falls within the funding period.</p> <p>Removal of the ash tree by the bus stop is conditional upon planting 3 replacement trees in the village. DPS was suggested as a suitable location.</p> <p><i>Action: EM to purchase solar roof and ebike chargers once the grant money has been received.</i></p> <p><i>Action: EM to submit planning application and ask the NPA whether they can accelerate to fit in with grant timings.</i></p> <p><i>Action: RB to talk to Patrick Robertson about planting 3 trees in the school grounds.</i></p>	<p>EM</p> <p>EM</p> <p>RB</p>
6.	<p>SQUARE AREA RENEWAL</p> <p>a) DCC and DCDT meeting update</p>	

	<p>There was a meeting between DCDT and DCC on Wednesday 29 September to agree a proposal to take to Stirling Council. It was agreed that we should suggest A section of pavement the full length of the east side of the square, preferably extending out to narrow the road slightly.</p> <p>A letter outlining this proposal was sent to Stirling Council. No reply at time of this meeting. This money has to be spent by end March 2022.</p> <p>(Note: A pedestrian crossing across the main road was also discussed with DCC but they did not support this as two crossings are already a condition of the MacMic development, although the timings of this are unclear).</p> <p>b) Square Inspection report</p> <p>A square inspection was undertaken by RB and DM on 18/10 and the report has been shared with the board. Installation of monoblock on the parking area has addressed several of the safety issues previously highlighted. However, areas of the road and pavement have continued to degrade, and some potholes are getting deeper. See report for details.</p> <p>c) Temporary repairs?</p> <p>In light of above, it was suggested that limited temporary repairs are undertaken before winter, to ensure that the road stays safe until a full refurbishment can be undertaken.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Action: EM to contact Tom Wallace to ask for details of his suggested temporary road fix.</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Action: Review temporary road repair options at next meeting.</i></p> <p>7. WATER FOUNTAIN (TOP UP TAP)</p> <p>EM spoke to Scottish Water about provision of a drinking water fountain in the village (as already installed in Aberfoyle and Balmaha). Scottish Water have a high level of interest but are keen to support our square refurbishment project.</p> <p>Location is dictated by proximity to mains water, but a location just N of bus stop is possible. Scottish Water would finance installation and maintenance, although we may need to check water over quiet periods.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Action: EM to follow up with Scottish Water</i></p> <p>8. INFORMATION BOARDS / HERITAGE TRAIL</p> <p>RC – Nature boards are in progress. RC is coming up with ideas and will provide mock up for DCDT when available. Hopes to have designs ready for January.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Action: PS to provide RC with info board template as soon as it is available.</i></p> <p>KG has only two audio pieces left to record. KG distributed a Heritage Trail document with a paragraph on each location, and also played two pieces of audio. Both the audio and the document were excellent. Many thanks to Katy for all her hard work on the project.</p> <p>Discussion around how best to present the heritage trail. General thoughts were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information board, with map of route(s), a short teaser sentence about each location, and photos of some locations. Also, a QR code to link to website or App, and instructions on how to obtain a leaflet/booklet about the route. The audio would be accessible from the website/app. 	<p>EM</p> <p>All</p> <p>EM</p> <p>PS</p>
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12.	<p><i>Action: RB looking into Shift Funding to organise some led cycle rides for local people. Currently looking at insurance issues.</i></p> <p>PATH MAINTENANCE – VOLUNTEERING WITH NP RANGERS NP Rangers have had two sessions with DPS pupils cutting back the vegetation along the Winnock Court to Home Farm path. The next stage is to purchase materials to do the path repairs and then organise volunteer days to make the repairs. SR mentioned that he had a power barrow that he could make available if this would help.</p>	RB
13.	<p><i>Action: RB to mention power barrow to Adam Samson.</i></p> <p>AOCB Place Plans Funding is due to become available in April 2022 to help communities produce Place Plans (previously known as Community Action Plans). DCC approached and are keen to work with DCDT and others in community on it.</p> <p>Associate Members Skoosh owner looking to join DCDT. Mem and Arts allow him or Skoosh to join as an associate member only, which does not allow voting or to be a director.</p> <p>PTA Outdoor Classroom funding ideas Suggested that PTA review SCVO Funding Scotland for funding for outdoor classroom. Also, that PTA organise the regular swap shop to raise money for classroom.</p> <p><i>Action: RB to talk to PTA about opportunities</i></p> <p>Good Food For All Fund <i>Action: EM to talk to Ruth about this funding people to work in the shop or the community garden.</i></p>	RB
14.	<p>DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS Monday 22 November, 8pm at RB's house.</p>	EM