



DCDT Enterprise Company

Directors Meeting – 22nd November 2021 (at Richard’s house)

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

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

Item	Discussion	Actioner
1.	<p>DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Minutes of last meeting (27/9) for review <p>WELCOME Thanks to Richard for hosting the meeting.</p> <p>APOLOGIES none</p> <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING Minutes of 25 October 2021 meeting proposed by EM & seconded by RG.</p> <p>TREASURER’S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP(EM) As of 21st Nov, we have £ 45,419.84 of which £ 41,365.73 is restricted and £ 4,054.11 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 remained at 142 with no new members. 2. The Movement in our restricted funds it mainly due to the assignment of £1500 to the Bus shelter renovation project. <p><u>Breakdown of Restricted funds</u> Paths fund - £29,226.13 – This is for the completion of the path to Balmaha, which will hopefully be undertaken by the National Park (see later). The Square - £0 – We have no funds allocated . The Play Park - £3,076.90 – Invoice now received from the council for additional benches. Digital Inclusion – £(131.44) – The covid support group to provide additional funds to extend this project until Feb at which point it will close. 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). Web Site - £3,396.01 – This is to cover ongoing costs for the web site – also if required to pay someone to keep it updated. Info boards / Historic walk - £3,561.64 – For completion of the Information boards and historic walk. Bus shelter Renovations and Green Bike hub - £1500 assigned from unrestricted funds</p>	

Grants

- 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, Funding payments agreed to be in 3 parts.
- An application has been submitted to Lovel Local for £25k – We were unsuccessful in this funding application.
- Applications submitted to for funding the Square access road:
 1. Rural communities Ideas into action fund – Awaiting Outcome
 2. 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 – We have withdrawn from this fund as the Covid Support group is being wound up.
- We have submitted to “Connecting Scotland” 4 Wireless dongles to extend the Digital Inclusion project for 2 years.
- We have submitted to Stirling Council for funds to run a training course over the winter period in the Bakery.
- We have submitted an application for £735 to the Cycling UK Shift Fund. Application is to train up people to lead cycle rides in the community and to run a Dr Bike day for the village to get bikes fixed. (Application successful).

Other

We have completed 3 planning applications:

1. To remove the tree by the bus shelter – No cost
2. To Install signage around the village – Further details on the info on the boards is require to support the application – Cost £202
3. The renovation of the bus shelter – This is valid and a determination will be given before the 17th Jan – Cost £202

5.

BUS STOP GRANT AWARD

As the solar roof and the bike chargers both have a significant lead time (8 weeks 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.

Donald MacLeod has been retained to do the electrical work.

There are likely to be ongoing costs associated with maintenance and testing of the solar panels and chargers. RC suggested a card donation pillar.

RG suggested a monoblock foundation rather than concrete (or on top of concrete) for the bike racks to complement the parking area.

EM has contacted an artist (add name!) to do the mural in bus stop. Agreement is that it should show Drymen in its position on several long-distance routes.

(Discussion directly after the meeting agreed that it should focus on the start of the Rob Roy Way).

Three trees need to be planted to offset the removal of the ash tree at the bus stop.

Patrick Robertson of DPS has agreed to have them at the school if this is acceptable to NPA.

6.	<p><i>Action: EM to purchase solar roof and ebike chargers once the grant money has been received.</i></p> <p>SQUARE AREA RENEWAL</p> <p>a) Stirling Council Pavement A pavement was proposed running up the east side of the square. A letter outlining this proposal was sent to Stirling Council. They have responded agreeing to this piece of work and are working on plans for it. This money has to be spent by end March 2022.</p> <p><i>Action: RB to ask for progress update from Carlyn.</i></p> <p>b) Temporary repairs? It was agreed that limited temporary repairs should be undertaken before winter, to ensure that the road stays safe until a full refurbishment can be undertaken. EM has had a demo of a hot tar solution which seemed to be a good solution. Agreed that £500 should be allocated to buy the materials for the repairs – can be delivered to SR.</p> <p><i>Action: EM to purchase materials for road repair.</i></p> <p>c) Public Toilets Discussion about the ongoing problem with lack of public toilets in the village. Options discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking MacMic to install the pipes and a base as part of their work extending the car park. We could then work with the National Park/Council to build the rest. • Buy/rent the toilets back from David Warnes. <p>In either case, NPA might clean them? Or we could install a donation point to cover the cost of employing a cleaner?</p>	EM
7.	<p>WATER FOUNTAIN (TOP UP TAP) Scottish Water have agreed to install a top up tap just N of bus stop. Currently in planning. Scottish Water will finance installation and maintenance, although we may need to check/run water over quiet periods.</p>	RB
8.	<p>INFORMATION BOARDS / HERITAGE TRAIL RC – Nature boards are in progress. RC is coming up with ideas and will provide mock up for DCDT when available. Hopes to have drafts ready for review in December.</p> <p><i>Action: RC to provide EM with some example designs for use in the planning application.</i></p> <p>KG has only two audio pieces left to record, and noted that the text for the Winnock and Buchanan Arms were the wrong way round and should be swapped in the text document. Clearance is also required for two remaining pictures.</p> <p>Maps showing the Heritage Trail routes are now available. It was agreed that the longer trail should be altered so that it goes to Buchanan Castle along the cycle route (parallel to the viewpoint path) and not down via Drymen Bridge. Drymen bridge should stay on the map, but have no marked route to it, as walking access is not good.</p> <p>Agreed that the heritage audio trail would start with a soft online launch – maps, text, pictures and audio on the Discover Drymen website.</p>	EM
		RC

	<p>Larger launch with information boards (and leaflets?) in the spring. App at that time or to follow?</p> <p><i>Action: KG to provide short sentences for each location for use on the Heritage information board.</i></p> <p><i>Action: KG to provide PS with latest words and pictures that can then be added to the route maps, with a view to launching on the website.</i></p> <p><i>Action: KG to investigate options for apps.</i></p> <p><i>Action: KG to invoice EM for work to date!</i></p>	<p>KG</p> <p>KG</p> <p>KG</p> <p>KG</p>
9.	<p>ADVENT WINDOWS</p> <p>We now have enough volunteers to fill all 24 slots. A map is in progress to show locations of windows. DM to look into printing A3 copies of the map to put around the village.</p> <p><i>Action: PS to share list of window addresses and the map on Discover Drymen website.</i></p>	<p>PS</p>
10.	<p>TREE DEDICATION</p> <p>A short ceremony took place on Saturday 13th November, during which Dr Cheema and Dawn Conner said a few words and Jill Cameron placed a plaque by the commemorative tree. The Stirling Observer included a photo and some words about the event.</p>	
11.	<p>ACTIVE TRAVEL</p> <p>E-bike loans continue although they are becoming less well used as the we move into colder weather.</p> <p>Post meeting note: The application for £735 from Cycling UK was successful. This funding is to train cycle leaders for village bike rides and also provide a Dr Bike session in the spring.</p> <p><i>Action: RB to progress getting training and Dr Bike session in place.</i></p>	<p>RB</p>
12.	<p>PATH MAINTENANCE – VOLUNTEERING WITH NP RANGERS</p> <p>Waiting to hear from Adam Samson (NP Ranger) once some dates for path work have been arranged.</p>	
13.	<p>CHRISTMAS TREE</p> <p>To be erected at 9am on Saturday 4/12/2021</p> <p>Switch on event to begin at 4.30 on Sunday 5/12/2021, with the switch on at 4.45.</p> <p>Bob to lead Carols, Jim to play (instrument?).</p> <p>KG suggested that we should produce new sheets for the carol service with the Discover Drymen branding. Mhairi or Dawn have current ones?</p> <p>Tree to come down on Saturday 4/1/2022</p> <p><i>Action: SR to provide a gazebo</i></p> <p><i>Action: DM has volunteered to provide some baked goods! (mulled wine?)</i></p> <p><i>Action: KG to look at/update the carol sheets</i></p>	<p>SR</p> <p>DM</p> <p>KG</p>
14.	<p>20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOOD STUDY</p> <p>Forth Environment Link (FEL) has obtained funding to undertake a “20 Minute Neighbourhood” case study on Drymen and the surrounding area. DCDT (EM, PS and RB) met with FEL on 17/11 to discuss.</p>	

<p>15.</p> <p>16.</p>	<p>The overall idea is to look at how people can meet all their needs within a (roughly) 20-minute radius using active travel or public transport.</p> <p>The project will include a number of different techniques to engage with the community and get people's views on a range of subjects. Pot luck lunches and walking groups have both been discussed.</p> <p>It has been agreed that the project will be carried out in such a way that much of the collected data will be appropriate for use in the community's place plan.</p> <p>AOCB We have been informed by NPA that they have not been successful in obtaining funding from Sustrans to complete the last section (Milton of Buchanan to Balmaha) of the Drymen to Balmaha cycle route. NPA are following up with Sustrans to find out why they were not successful.</p> <p>DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS Monday 17 Jan 2022 at 8pm. Location TBC</p>	
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