



**DCDT Enterprise Company
Directors Meeting – 17th January 2022 (Zoom)**

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: n/a

| Item | Discussion | Actioner |
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| | <p>DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Minutes of last meeting (22/11/2021) for review | |
| 1. | <p>WELCOME Welcome all to first meeting of 2022. A key aim of this meeting is to set priorities for 2022 (see Item 14)</p> | |
| 2. | <p>APOLOGIES Robert Coleman unable to attend</p> | |
| 3. | <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING Minutes of 22 November 2021 meeting proposed by EM & seconded by RG.</p> | |
| 4. | <p>TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP(EM) As of 9th Jan 2022, we have £ 50,908.33 of which £ 47,449.57 is restricted and £ 3,458.76 is unrestricted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Payments and income have been accounted for and any unrepresented items are highlighted in yellow <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 main movement in the unrestricted funds was the purchase of materials for pothole repairs, which has been carried out and so far appears to have been successful. 3. The main movements in the restricted funds are due to the receipt of part payment of the Bus shelter Grant funds and the subsequent spend on the Bike Maintenance Stand, the Deposit on the solar roof, the replacement of the electrical box and then payment of for the creation of the Walking tour audio. <p><u>Breakdown of Restricted funds</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paths fund - £29,226.13 – This is for the completion of the path to Balmaha, which will be undertaken by the National Park • The Square - £0 – We have no funds allocated • The Play Park - £3,076.90 – No outstanding invoices or spend due | |

- Digital Inclusion - £186.72 – The covid support group have provided additional funds to extend this project until Feb, and we were successful in our application to Connecting Scotland for replacement units to give free Mi-Fi for 2 years to 4 of the current participants in this project. These have now been rolled out and the existing contract will be closed this month.
- Paths Leaflet - £741.07 – 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)
- Website - £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 - £2,409.64 – For completion of the Information boards and historic walk
- Bus shelter Renovations and Green Bike hub - £7,678.10 - £12k received from the national park minus spend on the Pike Maintenance Stand and the Solar roof initial deposit.

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 – £12k Received.
- Applications submitted to for funding the square access road:
 - Rural communities Ideas into action fund – We were unsuccessful in this funding bid. This was the final outstanding application for the square access road. All have been unsuccessful.
 - An application is still to be submitted to Viridor Landfill Communities fund for funding for the square access road.
- We have submitted to “Connecting Scotland” 4 Wireless dongles to extend the Digital inclusion project for 2 years. – we were successful in this funding bid and new Mi-fi units have been rolled out.
- We have submitted to Stirling Council to for Funds to Run a training course over the winter period in the Bakery. – we were unsuccessful in this bid.
- The National Park has a grant scheme open to apply for the cost of planting trees, would we like to apply for the 3 trees that we are required to plant due to the removal of the tree in the square, and any others the school may want for the outdoor class room.

Other

We have completed 3 planning applications:

1. To remove the tree by the bus shelter – this was granted and tree has been removed.
2. To Install signage around the village – Further queries have been answered on this application.
3. The Renovation of the bus shelter – Further queries have been answered on this application.

Action: RB to ask Mr Robertson at DPS whether he would like more trees for the school grounds. RB

Action: Remind all members to renew membership on Facebook and email to all members, followed up by emails from EM PS, EM

5. **TREE AND ADVENT WINDOWS REVIEW**

All agreed that both were successful. Fewer people signed up for the advent windows, but the standard was very high and it seemed to be appreciated by the community, particularly the Facebook posts.

Will decide in the autumn whether to repeat next year.

6. **INFORMATION BOARDS/RSPB BOARDS/HERITAGE TRAIL**

RSPB boards are slightly delayed but progressing well. Draft boards were shared and commented on. They looked good.

The Heritage Trail is almost complete, with audio and words available on the Discover Drymen website. The trail map board is close to completion with a small change to the route past Home Farm required. Leaflets to follow.

Planning for boards has been requested for:

- 4 in the Winnock tunnel (RSPB boards)
- 2 on the end of the bus stop (Heritage?)
- 3 on a new triangular board mount just north of bus stop
- 1 on DM's garden wall (business map)
- 1 on Hub G63 side wall (business map)

This gives some flexibility to move boards around.

DM shared a picture of a scrolling digital information board he saw in Oundle, and is going to investigate approximate cost.

7. **SQUARE AREA RENEWAL**

a) Temporary repairs

EM, RC and DM repaired several potholes in early January and the repairs seem to be holding up well. EM intends to repair a few remaining potholes soon.

b) Stirling Council Pavement

Carlyn Fraser of Stirling Council responded to PS request for update on 17/1/2022. Her team are currently working on the design and are planning to complete this year (financial year?) although she's unable to give detailed timings.

c) Road renewal

Despite EM's efforts to attract grant funding, DCDT still has no money to undertake the ~£100k road resurfacing required. EM is planning to apply to Viridor to cover some of the required work (path across square? Pavements?) but it was agreed that we should wait until we see the pavement designs from Stirling Council to guide the application.

Fundraising for the road renewal was discussed. A 10k race was suggested (subsequent discussions with organiser of Buchlyvie 10k suggests a race with 250 people could raise approx. £3k)

d) Square Inspections (not discussed in meeting – for info)

Next square inspection is not due until April 2022 but suggest that an inspection is undertaken once next set of temporary repairs are complete.

8. **BUS SHELTER REFURBISHMENT**

a) Bike charger fraud

The ebike chargers were ordered from Bike Energy, a reputable Austrian supplier. EM had an email conversation with the Bike Energy staff and then placed the order by making a payment of just under £7,000 from his credit card. Unfortunately, the Bike Energy email was hacked and the hacker hijacked the email trail and provided false banks details for the payment. Bike Energy later flagged up the fact that they'd been hacked, but this was after the payment had been made.

Bike Energy have agreed to honour the order as the fraud was caused by a data breach on their system. The credit card company, the UK and Austrian police and our insurance company have also been informed.

It was agreed that the priority should be to get the goods, and that at that time DCDT should pay the money to EM as it is currently on his credit card. If the credit card company or our insurance reimburses EM/DCDT for the lost money then this should

go to the supplier (Bike Energy), unless they have been compensated through their insurance company, in which case it should be returned.

b) Planning Conditions

The NPA has requested that the base for the cycle racks is monoblock instead of concrete. This will increase the cost of the base.

c) Electrical Box

The electrical box on the square has been replaced.

d) Lintel

A structural engineer is required to size the lintel for the bus shelter.

Action: KG to see if she can find someone to size the lintel.

KG

e) Predicted Overspend

It is proving difficult to get contractors to undertake some of the bus stop refurbishment tasks, and costs are increasing. This is a situation that is reflective of the wider building industry at the moment.

EM estimated that the cost of the roof, concrete and cabling would increase by approx. £1,000 over initial costing. There are likely to be further cost increases elsewhere.

Action: EM to update Dave Robinson at NPA and let him know that planning conditions are increasing the cost of the project beyond the funding available in the NPA grant for the project.

EM

9. WATER FOUNTAIN

Currently going through the planning process.

10. PUBLIC TOILETS

Board in agreement that public toilets would be of benefit to the village.

PS and Fraser Robb met Matt Buckland from NPA and they talked to David Warnes (Winnock), Gordon Strahan (Clachan) and David Mackie (Drymen Bakery) about toileting. All highlighted the challenges of providing toilets to the use of the visitors to the village.

David Warnes from the Winnock bought the old public toilets, but they no longer have water so not suitable for use.

Fraser Robb and Matt Buckland have approached MacMic, and they have agreed to install the (foundations?) and services for a toilet block in the new car park when construction starts in spring 2022. Stirling Council have also agreed to support the project.

Matt Buckland (NPA) to lead on a funding application for the construction of public toilets.

Action: PS to talk to the Community Council about funding and possible locations for temporary public toilets (keep part of existing car park open for them? in front of old garage on square? drive at village hall?)

PS

11. ACTIVE TRAVEL (EBIKE LOANS, LED CYCLE RIDES, SHIFT FUNDING)

E-bike loans have died off over winter. Bikes to go in for service end January.

Cycle Ride Leader course organised for 31 January with 4 volunteers attending.

In process of organising a First Aid course – hopefully this will be in the village hall and allow other local people to attend (at a cost).

Action: RB to progress getting training and Dr Bike session in place.

RB

12. **20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOOD STUDY / PLACE PLAN WITH FEL**

FEL has reported that the uptake of the survey has been slow to date. General feeling is that uptake would be improved if the survey was seen to be led more by DCDT as a key part of developing the Place Plan for the village.

Action: PS to put together a leaflet highlighting what DCDT has achieved in the last year, what its priorities are for the coming year, and a request to complete the survey to inform the Place Plan. PS

13. **SPRING ACTIVITY (CLEANUP EVENT?)**

To be discussed at the next meeting.

14. **KEY PRIORITIES FOR 2022**

It was agreed that the priorities for 2022 would be:

1. Renewal of the Square (including the ongoing work on pavement, bus shelter and top-up tap) and hopefully work towards resurfacing the road.
2. Public Toilets for the village.
3. Community Place Plan.

15. **AOCB**

- RSPB have asked to put a gazebo on Drymen square on a number of days in April and May for recruitment activities. All agreed to this.
- The War Memorial needs maintenance.

Action: Discover who owns and is responsible for the War Memorial – contact Stirling Council and Carol Hemfrey. KG?

16. **DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Monday 21 Feb 2022 at 8pm. Location TBC dependent on Covid