



**DCDT Enterprise Company
Directors Meeting – 21st February 2022 (Zoom)**

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

Non-Directors Present: Robert Coleman (RC)

Item	Discussion	Actioner
	<p>DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Minutes of last meeting (17/01/2022) for review • Ironside Farrar visitor management study for ELL 	
1.	<p>WELCOME All welcomed.</p>	
2.	<p>APOLOGIES Katy Gibb (KG) and Rae Gibb (RG) unable to attend.</p>	
3.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING Minutes of 17 January 2022 meeting proposed by EM & seconded by DM.</p>	
4.	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP(EM) As of 13th Feb 2022, we have £51,743.33 in the Bank. Of which £43,599.91 is restricted and £4,049.96 is unrestricted and the balance is unrepresented payments made.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All payments and income have been accounted for and any unrepresented items are highlighted in yellow (see spreadsheet). <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. There is an increase of our unrestricted funds as the pothole repair materials have been allocated to the Parking bays renovations project as the funding for the repairs was granted in the Better Places funding we received. This has resulted in a reduction in the amount of restricted funds for the heritage trail and signage. 3. The main movements in the restricted funds are due to the repayment of the Bike Energy costs and the Truss manufacture costs for the bus shelter project. <p>Breakdown of Restricted funds</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 - £93.36 – Remaining for the final payment. 	

- Paths Leaflet - £784.87– 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 - £1,898.44 – For completion of the Information boards and historic walk.
- Bus shelter Renovations and Green Bike hub - £339.24 – Bike Energy funding and the Truss Manufacture costs reimbursed.
- Shift Funding (Led Cycle Rides) - £735 – No costs have been incurred.

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, the next payment is expected shortly.

The National Park has a grant scheme open to apply for the cost of planting trees, this was investigated however, we were not eligible for this funding.

- An application can be submitted to Viridor Landfill Communities fund for funding for square access road. Should we submit an application to block pave the path?
- Funding is available to repair the war memorial. An application can be made to The War Memorials Trust. There is no deadline for applications. Consider applying once the bus shelter work is completed? (three quotes required for application?)

Other

We have completed 2 planning applications:-

1. To Install signage around the village – Further queries have been answered on this application. Planning consent granted.
2. The Renovation of the bus shelter – Planning granted and work commenced (see later).

5. INFORMATION BOARDS/RSPB BOARDS/HERITAGE TRAIL

RSPB boards are progressing well. Final proofing underway and boards can then be printed.

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. The draft leaflet was shared for review with comments back from several DCDT members.

Action: PS to update leaflet based on feedback.

PS

Planning for boards has been received 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.

6. **SQUARE AREA RENEWAL**

a) Temporary repairs

Temporary pothole repairs seem to be holding up well. EM intends to repair a few remaining potholes soon.

b) Stirling Council Pavement (updated after meeting)

Carlyn Fraser and colleague Angela McGibbon updated on 22/2 to confirm that they are changing the design so that the pavement extends to the south of the square, that the pavement is coming out of the road and not the grass, and that the intention is still to carry out the work in March 2022.

c) 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.

7. **BUS SHELTER REFURBISHMENT (SOLAR ROOF, CYCLE PARKING, CHARGERS, TOOL STATION, MURAL)**

a) Work completed

The electrical box has been replaced, the monoblock for the bike parking area has been laid and the roof has been removed.

b) In Progress

The new roof structure to be installed (done on 22-23/3 after meeting). Solar roof will go on this, but delivery is delayed.

c) Bike charger

Delivery of the bike charger is expected in the next 2-3 weeks.

d) Tool station and bike pump

Have been delivered and will be installed when appropriate.

e) Trench from electrical box to bus shelter

To be excavated by DCDT on Saturday 12 March. (RC suggested a time lapse video!)

Action: Anyone available to gather on the village square at 9 on Saturday 12 March to hand dig a trench. EM to supply a cable detector? Bring own tools? Sand and cable to be sourced. Details to be confirmed by email. ALL

8. **WATER FOUNTAIN**

Installation proposed for March – hopefully before installation of new pavement, but we have little control over this.

9. **PUBLIC TOILETS**

Strong support from the NP (and also in line with the Ironside Farrar Visitor Management Study – see below).

Fraser Robb has reported that MacMic may fund installation of the base and services from the Section 75 money (this is the community benefit obligation attached to the planning consent).

Work on the car park is due to start in May 22.

DM reported that temporary toilets cost circa £135+VAT per week. These could be positioned outside the village hall.

DM also reported that NP (Matt Buckland) have offered to put cleaning of any public toilets in Drymen on their contract cleaning schedule (although not clear if this applies to temporary toilets).

It appears that all parties are keen to support public toilets in Drymen in the long term, but there may be problems this summer.

Action: EM to call Jean Cowie of Stirling Council to see whether a Community Pride grant (£1500) could cover hire of temporary toilets. EM

Action: PS to see if DCC can also help organise/fund temporary toilets. PS

10. **ACTIVE TRAVEL (EBIKE LOANS, LED CYCLE RIDES, SHIFT FUNDING)**
- DCDT joined Cycling UK (this provides a level of insurance for rides)
 - CRL course successfully completed by 4 attendees.
 - Dr Bike session booked at Village Hall for Saturday 19 March.
 - First Aid course booked at Village Hall for Thursday 24 March.
 - First Ride proposed for late March – regular day to be confirmed.
 - The Drymen Cycle Meanders leaflet has now been finalised and will be printed.
- Action: RB to publicise the First Aid course and sell the remaining 6 spaces to local people on behalf of DCDT (after meeting it was agreed £45, and £35 for DCDT members).* RB
- Action: RB to publicise the Dr Bike event – contact school, PTA, Facebook etc.* RB
- Action: RB to meet the Paths for All team to learn from the Health Walks.* RB
- Action: RB to provide text and images to PS for the website:* RB
- *Drymen Cycle Meanders page*
 - *Dr Bike Event*
11. **20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOOD STUDY / PLACE PLAN WITH FEL**
- PS produced 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 FEL survey to inform the Place Plan. This was delivered to all houses in the village. It is unclear how much longer the survey process will continue.
- Action: PS to send a further email to DCDT members, reminding them to complete the survey.* PS
12. **IRONSIDE FARRAR VISITOR MANAGEMENT STUDY**
- The “*East Loch Lomond Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Framework: Stakeholder Engagement*” presentation was circulated for review prior to the meeting.
- Due to the tight timescales for comments, PS had already responded to the consultation (with input from RB and EM) prior to the meeting. This response was shared with all during the meeting.
- Everyone felt that the proposals contained in the study were good, and that the comments provided by DCDT were sensible.
13. **SPRING LITTER PICK EVENT**
- Agreed for 10.30 pm on Saturday 26 March (after kids’ football!).
- Action: RB to Contact DPS, PTA to publicise the event.* RB
- Action: PS to add as event on website (and email DCDT members?)* PS
14. **AOCB**
- Suggested that we hold an event in April to:
- Officially open the new bus shelter and pavement
 - Launch the Heritage Trail and Nature boards
 - Launch the Drymen Cycling Meanders Group and Leaflet
15. **DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**
- Monday 21 March 2022 at 8pm. Location in person TBC