



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

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

Non-Directors Present: n/a

Item	Discussion	Actioner
	<p>DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Minutes of last meeting (21/02/2022) for review • Revised Ironside Farrar visitor management study for ELL (revised based on comments from consultees such as DCDT) “64006 LLTNP-STID East_FINAL-MAR (low res)” • DCDT comments on the revised study “DCDT ELL Final with updates ref March 2022 update of FI report” <p>1. WELCOME All welcomed. Agreed that Zoom is probably still sensible given high Covid numbers in the village.</p> <p>2. APOLOGIES David Mackie (DM), Rae Gibb (RG), Robert Coleman (RC) unable to attend.</p> <p>3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING Minutes of 21 February 2022 meeting proposed by EM & seconded by SR.</p> <p>4. TREASURER’S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP(EM) As of 1st March 2022, we have £ 44,597.77 in the Bank. Of which £ 42,678.63 is restricted and £ 4,205.09 is unrestricted and the balance is unrepresented payments made.</p> <ul 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our Membership has remained at 143 with no new members, we have had 42 Membership renewals and we have 62 outstanding for Feb and March (These may have been paid directly into out bank) 2. There have been no significant movements in the period for the unrestricted funds 3. The main movements in the restricted funds are due to the repayment of Roof and Blockwork costs and the receipt of £9071 from the park as the second payment for the bus shelter project. 	

4. We have also paid out £119.99 which will be split with the village hall for the capability to send and receive emails from the drymen.org email addresses.
(Note: This will help greatly with succession planning within DCDT)

Breakdown of Restricted funds

- 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 - £3,276.02 – 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 - £3,587.91 – Roof replacement and Block paving costs paid and next payment received from the LLTNP.
- Shift Funding (Lead Cycles) - £735 – Dr Bike and First aid course costs expected shortly.

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 – £21k received, the next payment is expected shortly.

An application can be submitted to Viridor Landfill Communities fund for funding for the Square access road. – should we submit an application to block pave the path?

I have approached Stirling Council Community Pride fund and they will consider applications for funds for the Paving the path across the square and for funds towards repairing the base of the War Memorial, however they will not consider funds for temporary toilets.

(Post-meeting note – on Tuesday 22/3 Stirling Council said that they would tarmac the path across the Square as part of the pavement work.)

Other

1. Do we wish to consider offering a Life Membership of the Trust, this could be offered and all funds raised through this avenue could be ring fenced for the Repairs to the Square?

Discussion: EM noted that a Lifetime Membership could provide a capital injection of maybe £15k, but at the cost of ongoing income. PS commented that this may be a good plan to fill a funding gap when close to the target, but otherwise may just sit in the account. People to view as a donation rather than a membership deal. Would a pure donation be as successful? Possibly.

2. Bus Shelter Renovation Project – It is estimated that there will be an overspend of £2800, on this project, this is mainly due to increased costs for the Bike Energy Charging unit, the Solar Roof and the Roof and Block Paving. This Estimate also includes £400 to carry out an engineer's inspection of the Bus shelter. Do we wish to proceed with this?

5.	<p>Discussion: EM noted that Engineer inspection likely to be £600. The bus shelter is exempt from building regs, so the inspection is not a legal requirement. Is board happy to accept liability if not done?</p> <p><i>Action: Board to decide whether to spend approx. £600 on inspection of bus shelter when completed.</i></p> <p>INFORMATION BOARDS/RSPB BOARDS/HERITAGE TRAIL</p> <p>RSPB boards – no update since last meeting.</p> <p>The Heritage Trail (HT): The draft leaflet is currently with designer for an update. Aim to print after Easter. David Warnes has seen the draft leaflet and is very happy with it. Will buy 130 leaflets for his guests.</p> <p>Printing costs of leaflet is £520 for 3000 = 17p each.</p> <p>Purchase cost for leaflets is £1 each. Current proposal is to sell them to shops/hotels/cafes for £1 who will then sell them to customers. Try this and see response from businesses.</p> <p>(Alternative proposals: EM suggested selling to businesses for e.g., 50p, so they make a mark-up on sales. Is it worthwhile for extra book-keeping burden? RB – continue to operate on a donation basis, and accept that we may only get £25 for 100 leaflets, but this still covers re-print costs. Simplest approach?)</p> <p>Agreed by all that when we should distribute a leaflet to each household for free. This is approx. 350 leaflets = £60 cost.</p> <p><i>Action: Agree date for team to distribute leaflets</i></p> <p>Board almost ready and will go on the bus shelter.</p> <p>Rebecca Fleming suggested that there may be money available from church funds to support another board at the church, with QR linking to the HT information. In general, having multiple “ways in” to the HT seems like a good idea.</p> <p>Toblerone Board Stand: Jim Riach (LLTCT) suggested that an Active Travel “Toblerone Board” on the Village Square (to replace the existing one-sided one with the paths board on it) may be eligible for Cycling Scotland’s new £20k fund. The 3 sides could have – Rob Roy Way map, Local cycling routes, General info or local walks.</p> <p><i>Action: Further discussion with Jim/Cycling Scotland.</i></p>	ALL
6.	<p>SQUARE AREA RENEWAL</p> <p>a) Temporary repairs Temporary pothole repairs all completed by EM.</p> <p>b) Stirling Council Pavement (updated after meeting) Work commenced on 22/3/2022. Work to include widening of pavement into road and also resurfacing of the path across the square.</p> <p>c) Water Fountain This has been installed, but has a 2 week settling period before it is commissioned.</p> <p>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 pavement work is completed.</p>	PS

	<p><i>Action: RB to undertake inspection of the square. Share date with others</i></p>	RB
7.	<p>BUS SHELTER REFURBISHMENT (SOLAR ROOF, CYCLE PARKING, CHARGERS, TOOL STATION, MURAL)</p> <p>a) Work completed The electrical box has been replaced, the monoblock for the bike parking area has been laid, the roof structure has been installed, the tool station and pump has been installed, the trench has been dug and cable installed.</p> <p>b) To do The bike charger has been delivered but not yet installed. Solar roof not yet delivered. Mural design is ongoing (delayed as Cameron has Covid).</p> <p>Huge thanks to the volunteers who helped with the trench on 12 and 19 March!</p>	
	<p><i>Action: SR to jetwash the back of the inside of the bus shelter to prepare it for painting the mural.</i></p>	SR
8.	<p>PUBLIC TOILETS</p> <p>Strong support from the NP (and also in line with the Ironside Farrar Visitor Management Study – see below). In call between PS and IF, IF confirmed that they viewed public toilets in Drymen as essential to their visitor management strategy. No progress with temporary toilets. EM contacted Jean Cowie to see whether a Community Pride Grant could cover temporary toilets. It could not.</p>	
	<p><i>Action: RB to contact DCC (Andrew Richardson and Fraser Robb) to arrange a meeting to discuss toilets and Place Plan.</i></p>	RB
9.	<p>ACTIVE TRAVEL (EBIKE LOANS, LED CYCLE RIDES, SHIFT FUNDING)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Bike session took place on the Square on 19 March. Chris (the Bike Doctor) set up next to the new tool station. He was kept busy all day, with about 15 people leaving bikes for him to checkover. • Family bike ride to the But and Ben also on 19 March. A good ride with approximately 15 people attending. A good mix of adults and kids. • First Aid course booked at Village Hall for Thursday 24 March. Four CRLs to attend (covered by SHIFT funding) and six other paying customers will cover remaining cost. • A Drymen Cycle Meanders Facebook group has been set up and promoted. • First Ride arranged for 10am on Tuesday 12 April, with weekly rides every Tuesday from then. • The Drymen Cycle Meanders leaflet has now been printed and will be made available around the village shortly. 	
	<p><i>Action: RB to continue to promote the DCM Facebook Group and the Tuesday morning rides.</i></p>	RB
	<p><i>Action: RB to distribute the Drymen Cycle Meanders leaflet.</i></p>	RB
10.	<p>20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOOD STUDY / PLACE PLAN WITH FEL</p> <p>No update on the results of the 20 Minute Neighbourhood Study, but considered likely that further community consultation will be required to inform the Place Plan.</p>	
	<p><i>Action: RB to contact DCC to arrange a meeting to discuss the Place Plan and the toilets (and possibly a traffic calming trial?)</i></p>	RB

11.	<p>IRNSIDE FARRAR (IF) VISITOR MANAGEMENT STUDY</p> <p>The <u>updated</u> “East Loch Lomond Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Framework: Stakeholder Engagement” presentation was circulated for review prior to the meeting, plus comments from DCDT on the latest version.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion is that £3.5 million will be available to improve visitor infrastructure on ELL. • IF has acknowledged that Balloch and Gartocharn are currently missing from their studies. • PS suggested that parking in Drymen, shuttle bus to Balmaha and then waterbus to Rowardennan may be a good solution. This would take considerable pressure of the Rowardennan road, freeing it up for cyclists. • Access to Rowardennan for residents, tradesmen, delivery vans etc. would need to be addressed. • EM suggested that large quantities of parking in Drymen would only be required for busy periods, and parking that could be grazed would be beneficial (i.e. grass with a geotextile). • Agreed that toilets for the village should be the main focus. • Agreed that a proper public consultation would be appropriate before making significant changes to access. 	
12.	<p>SPRING LITTER PICK EVENT</p> <p>Agreed for 10.30 pm on Saturday 26 March (after kids’ football!). Cubs have already done Gallow Hill woods. Fraser Robb will do bypass. <i>Action: SR to provide pickers and bags.</i> <i>Action: RB to post reminder on Facebook</i></p>	SR RB
13.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>David Warnes is keen to fly a Jubilee Flag on the square over the Jubilee period (2-5 June). The flag will be either a Saltire of Union Jack with Jubilee crest. Agreed that David can fly Jubilee flag – he can choose type.</p> <p>Community Council keen to move Gala Day weekend from 11 June to 4 June to coincide with Jubilee. No objections.</p>	
14.	<p>DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>Monday 25 April 2022 at 8pm. Location TBC</p>	