



DCDT Enterprise Company

Directors Meeting – 25th April 2022 (Village Hall and Zoom)

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

Non-Directors Present: Robert Coleman (RC), Simon Reid (SR)

Item	Discussion	Actioner
1.	<p>DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Minutes of last meeting (21/03/2022) for review <p>WELCOME All welcomed. A particularly warm welcome to Simon Reid at his first DCDT meeting. RB, EM, SR, PS, SR present in the Village Hall. KG, DM, RC on Zoom using the hall projector.</p> <p>The hybrid meeting style (in person and on Zoom) was being trialled as an option for the June AGM. However, the Zoom connection was very poor. Apologies to KG, DM and RC for the frustrating meeting!</p>	
2.	<p>APOLOGIES Rae Gibb (RG) unable to attend.</p>	
3.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING Minutes of 21 March 2022 meeting proposed by EM & seconded by SR.</p>	
4.	<p>TREASURER’S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP(EM) As of 4th April 2022, we have £52,923.81 in the Bank. Of which £37,482.87 is restricted and £4,422.75 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, however we are awaiting clarification on an invoice received from the Courier of the Bike Energy Charging unit for charges on the import of the unit (£49) <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 2 new members, we have had 32 Membership renewals in the period and we have 50 outstanding for Feb and March and a further 9 for April which are yet to be chased. <p><i>Action: DM agreed to help EM chase for membership renewals and payments.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. There has been an increase in the unrestricted funds over the period of £200 due to membership renewals. 	DM, EM

<p>3. The main movements in the restricted funds are due to the payments to GB-Sol for the solar roof, the electrical works and ancillary works amounting to Circa £10k which was offset by the receipt of the final payment from the park for £6.7k.</p> <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 - £93.36 – The 3 account is now closed and this monies is not required. <p><i>Action: EM to contact the Covid support group to find what they would like us to do with the funds.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 - £3,060.02 – 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 - £-1,358.85 – All income has now been received for this project and we have the Mural Painting and the final electrical works still to pay for – we will need to transfer funds from the unrestricted funds to pay for this overspend. • Shift Funding (Lead Cycles) - £702 – We are awaiting an invoice for the First aid course. <p><i>Action: RB to chase FA provided for invoice.</i> <i>Action: RB to provide a breakdown of Shift Fund spending to EM.</i> <i>Action: RB to put together a “Cycle Meander Rucksack” using remaining funds.</i></p> <p><u>Grants</u></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 – All monies now received. • 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. <p><u>Other</u></p> <p>1. 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?</p> <p><i>Action: Board decided that an engineer’s inspection of the bus shelter would add little value and was not required. Instead, the work carried out on the bus stop would be documented and signed off by the board to demonstrate the improvement. The additional features of the refurbished bus shelter will also be added to the square inspection report to ensure ongoing monitoring.</i></p>	<p>EM</p> <p>RB RB RB</p> <p>ALL</p>
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<p>5.</p>	<p>2. We anticipate that we will be able to reclaim approx. £450 in gift aid for the 21/22 year.</p> <p>INFORMATION BOARDS/RSPB BOARDS/HERITAGE TRAIL</p> <p>RSPB boards – production in progress.</p> <p>The Heritage Trail (HT): Leaflets are currently being printed.</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>Agreed by all that when we should distribute a leaflet to each household for free. This is approx. 350 leaflets.</p> <p><i>Action: Agree date for team to distribute leaflets once we have them.</i></p>	<p>PS</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>SQUARE AREA RENEWAL</p> <p>a) Stirling Council Pavement - snagging</p> <p>The new pavement is in place and has been well received by the community. However, there are a few snagging issues to report to Stirling Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No drop kerb at south end of pavement. • No road markings at crossing points – blocked by parked cars. • Parking over the new pavement area next to the Clachan – lines or bollards to stop this. • No double yellow lines south of bus stop – parked cars stop buses pulling in to bus stop. • Main Street centre line no longer central. • Hatched area on Stirling Road no longer central. • Path across square lacking topsoil on one side. • Topsoil not seeded? • Remove taxi rank and replace with disabled parking? (DCC to address this with Stirling Council). <p><i>Action: RB to inform Stirling Council of these snagging issues.</i></p> <p>Two issues were raised for future consideration. Firstly, the installation of a raised crossing from the south end of new pavement to the opposite pavement. Secondly, how to control parking around the square area when the new car park starts charging for parking (yellow lines, exclude cars altogether, charge for parking on the square?)</p> <p>EM suggested that it would be easier to identify the correct solution once it had become a problem for the community rather than pre-emptively.</p> <p>SR and DM suggested that we should discuss with Stirling Council and request that the new Stirling Road car park continues to be free to keep pressure off the square.</p> <p><i>Action: Talk to DCC about asking Stirling Council not to charge for parking.</i></p> <p>b) Water Fountain</p> <p>This is now fully operational.</p>	<p>RB</p> <p>PS</p>

	<p>c) Bus Shelter - solar roof, lights, cycle parking, chargers, tool station, mural The bus shelter and associated items (listed above) are all now installed except for the mural, where the old paint needs to be stripped down (proposed for 28 April) and Cameron Reid is to come back with a revised design – EM has suggested the Falls of Dochart.</p> <p>d) Traffic Calming Trial EM outlined the proposal of installing temporary road furniture to narrow Stirling Road around the village square. Proposal is to carry out baseline monitoring, install modifications and repeat monitoring to evaluate effect on traffic.</p> <p>Funding (up to £30k) is available from the Road Safety Trust and DCC and Stirling Council both support the idea in principle. TP&E would carry out the monitoring and design the modifications.</p> <p>All agreed that we should apply for funding.</p> <p><i>Action: EM to submit the grant application</i></p> <p>e) Square Inspections Square inspection was undertaken on 20/4/2022 by RB and the draft inspection report has been shared. The report format has been extended to include new infrastructure installed around the square (ebike chargers, tool station, top-up tap). Overall, there has been a significant improvement in the state of the square, with recent works removing many previous areas of concern. Although several potholes have recently been repaired, the main outstanding area of concern is the ongoing deterioration of the road around the square. EM has proposed to repair further potholes on 28/4/2022.</p> <p><i>Action: RB to make any required updates to the inspection report and re-issue.</i></p> <p><i>Action: Team to prepare bus shelter for painting the mural and repair further potholes.</i></p>	<p>EM</p> <p>RB</p> <p>EM + team</p>
7.	<p>PUBLIC TOILETS There is strong support from the NP for public toilets in the village and Ironside Farrar have recommended it as an essential priority in their Visitor Management Study. EM, PS and RB met with Andrew Richardson (AR) and Fraser Robb (FR) of DCC to discuss.</p> <p>The four suggested locations were; the new Stirling Road car park, the old toilet block behind the Winnock (by the library), The garage site on the village square (owned by David Warnes and Sandy Fraser), and the driveway of the Village Hall. AR raised the concern that public toilets in the car park would attract camper vans.</p> <p>PS approached David Warnes and Sandy Fraser subsequent to the meeting. Initial response about the Winnock and garage sites was not promising.</p> <p><i>Action: PS to talk to Village Hall Committee about the option of installing toilets next to the Village Hall.</i></p>	<p>PS</p>
8.	<p>ACTIVE TRAVEL (EBIKE LOANS, LED CYCLE RIDES, SHIFT FUNDING)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid course ran successfully on Thursday 24 March. Three CRLs attended. • A Drymen Cycle Meanders Facebook group has been set up and promoted. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Ride was on Tuesday 12 April, with weekly rides every Tuesday from then. • The Drymen Cycle Meanders leaflet has now been printed and is being made available around the village. • RB also attended Walk in the Park walk leader training on 25 April – crossover skills with Cycle Meanders. <p><i>Action: RB to continue to promote the DCM Facebook Group and the Tuesday morning rides (Drymen reporter next issue).</i></p> <p><i>Action: RB to continue distribution of the Drymen Cycle Meanders leaflet.</i></p>	RB RB
9.	<p>20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOOD STUDY / PLACE PLAN WITH FEL</p> <p>RB, PS and EM met AR and FR to discuss Place Plan. All agreed that the proposed approach of building on existing information (ATAP and 20 min Neighbourhood) by having public consultations was sensible.</p> <p><i>Action: PS to meet with Stuart Guzinski (FEL) and NP for 20 min Neighbourhood debrief.</i></p>	PS
10.	<p>ELLVMG / IRONSIDE FARRAR (IF) VISITOR MANAGEMENT STUDY</p> <p>NP has issued a tender to trial a shuttle bus system either along ELL or in the Trossachs. Current feeling is that Trossachs (Aberfoyle to Callander via Duke's Pass) is likely to be chosen for trial.</p>	
11.	<p>SPRING LITTER PICK EVENT</p> <p>Took place on Saturday 26 March. Successful event, although numbers were lower than previous year.</p>	
12.	<p>PIPING ON THE SQUARE</p> <p>Proposed for August, and all agreed that last year's model of having more than one band (Doune and Helensburgh last year, but could also add Milngavie?) worked well.</p> <p><i>Action: RB to see if KG is able to contact the bands again.</i></p>	RB, KG
13.	<p>AGM PLANNING</p> <p>AGM proposed for 8pm on Wednesday 15 June. Intention of AGM is to outline achievements of previous year, and plans for this year.</p> <p>DM suggested increasing membership costs, and also offering life membership. Both these changes would probably require a vote from members.</p> <p><i>Action: Decide whether to meet on Zoom or in the Village Hall (maybe test hall online system to see if we can improve hybrid meeting).</i></p> <p><i>Action: RB to check Mem and Arts to see what we need to provide to members before and at the AGM (accounts, proposals to vote on etc.).</i></p>	ALL RB
14.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>n/a</p>	
15.	<p>DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>Monday 23 May 2022 at 8pm. Location TBC</p>	