



DCDT Enterprise Company

Directors Meeting – 22nd May 2022 (Village Hall and Zoom)

Directors Present: Richard Boddington (RB), Ewan MacKay (EM), Paul Saunders (PS).

On Zoom - David Mackie (DM), Katy Gibb (KG), Rae Gibb (RG), Struan Robb (SR)

Non-Directors Present: On Zoom - Simon Reid

Item	Discussion	Actioner
1.	<p>DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Minutes of last meeting (25/04/2022) for review • The Annual Accounts, <p>WELCOME The hybrid meeting style (in person and on Zoom) trialled again, but with Zoom participants on a tablet rather than projector. The connection was better but still problematic at times.</p> <p>APOLOGIES Robert Coleman (RC) unable to attend.</p> <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING Actions from last minutes were reviewed – any notes from review will be included in these minutes under the relevant agenda items. Minutes of 22 April 2022 meeting proposed by DM & seconded by KG.</p> <p>TREASURER’S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP(EM) As of 1st May 2022, we have £ 42,458.4 in the Bank. Of which £ 35,582.02 is restricted and £ 4,469.29 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; 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 to our financial position in the period are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our Membership has climbed to 146 with 4 new members, we have had 8 Membership renewals/memberships in the period and we have 53 outstanding for Feb, March and April. 2. The main movements in the restricted funds are the payment of the Heritage Trail design costs and board and leaflet production. <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 – The 3 account is now closed and this monies is not required. We should contact the Covid support group to find what they would like us to do with the funds.
- Paths Leaflet - £789.87– 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 - £548.44 – For completion of the Information boards and historic walk
- Bus shelter Renovations and Green Bike hub - **£-1,909.70** – All income has now been received for this project and we have the Mural Painting still to pay for – we will need to transfer funds from the unrestricted funds to pay for this overspend.
- Shift Funding (Led Cycles) - £702 – We are awaiting an invoice for the First aid course.

Grants

A grant application to the Road Safety trust for £30k for the project to trial a new road layout in the square to make the square safer for all users.

An application is going to be submitted to the FCC Communities foundation for £40k towards repair of the Road surface in the Square (Due 8th June). A quote from Macrebur has been requested.

An application can be submitted to Viridor Landfill Communities fund for funding for the Square access road.

Should anyone wish to pick it up, we can submit a funding application to the war memorials trust for repair of the War Memorial.

Other

1. Bus Shelter Renovation Project – It is estimated that there will be an overspend of £3000 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 £600 to carry out an engineer's inspection of the Bus shelter, which we have decided is not required.
2. Have submitted a claim for £446.24 in gift aid for the 21/22 year.

The Annual Accounts for the year 2021/22 were distributed to the Directors prior to the meeting for review. The accounts have also been reviewed and signed off by Baxter Accounting & Tax Services. All Directors approved the accounts.

PS noted that the DCDT has probably spent around £100k on improvements to the community over the financial year, highlighting the benefits it is bringing to the community.

5. INFORMATION BOARDS/RSPB BOARDS/HERITAGE TRAIL

RSPB boards – should be delivered before the AGM.

The Heritage Trail (HT) - The information board is in place on the bus shelter and the leaflets are imminent. Once delivered, help will be required to deliver Heritage leaflets to all the households in the village. (Cycle Meander Flyers and AGM note to be included in delivery).

	<p><i>Action: Team to distribute leaflets once we have them.</i></p>	ALL
6.	<p>SQUARE AREA RENEWAL</p> <p>a) Stirling Council (SC) Pavement - snagging RB has raised snagging issues with SC. Angela McGibbon responded to confirm that the majority of them would be addressed. The exception is the drop pavement at the south end of pavement. They are not installing this as they don't feel the cobbled pavement opposite is suitable for pedestrians. The issue of the taxi rank is being raised by DCC.</p> <p>b) Bus Shelter - solar roof, lights, cycle parking, chargers, tool station, mural The inside of the bus shelter has been stripped and painted white – thanks to Ewan and anyone else who helped with this. The mural design has not yet been finalised due to differing views. Latest request to Cameron is for 3 panels – RRW on lhs, NCN7 on rhs, Conic Hill and local views on the main back wall. Waiting for response from Cameron.</p> <p>c) Traffic Calming Trial EM has submitted the grant application.</p> <p>d) Square Inspections Some further pot holes have been filled.</p>	
7.	<p>PUBLIC TOILETS PS approached the Village Hall Committee about the option of installing toilets next to the Village Hall. The committee were not keen, and pointed out that the location was not easily accessible from the square for those less mobile. After a short discussion it was generally agreed that the new car park was the location that was most likely to be successful.</p>	
8.	<p>PIPING ON THE SQUARE KG has contacted last year's bands (Helensburgh will do some evenings. Doune can't do any).</p> <p><i>Action: KG continuing to contact various bands (Milngavie, Dumbarton?)</i></p>	KG
9.	<p>AGM PLANNING AGM time changed to 7pm on Wednesday 15 June. Intention of AGM is to outline achievements of previous year, and plans for this year.</p> <p>Requirements of AGM:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invitation with Agenda, Minutes of last year's AGM and approved accounts to be sent to all members 3 weeks before date of AGM. Also, the proposed change to membership fees (see below). <p><i>Action: RB to send out invitation and information to Members</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. 10% of members (=15) are required for a quorum at the AGM. 3. Any changes to membership fees require a majority vote from attendees. 	RB

10.	<p>Decisions made about AGM:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold it in the Village Hall, without Zoom. 2. Snacks and drinks to be provided. <p><i>Action: Organise Snacks and Drinks</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. After some discussion, majority agreement to propose the following changes to membership fees at the AGM: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Individual membership increase from £6 to £10 b. Couple membership increase from £10 to £15 c. New life membership - £250 <p><i>Action: RB to communicate with DCC and Heritage Society to establish their involvement with the AGM</i></p> <p>The life membership is intended as an option for those who want to would like to make a donation to the village. From the Trust's point of view, it can provide a cashflow advantage, and may assist in providing matched funding for capital heavy projects such as re-surfacing the village square road.</p> <p>AOCB</p> <p>Option for raising money from visitors to the village were also discussed. A "Friend of Drymen" (or "Patron") donation and business discount cards were mentioned. Agreed that this would be looked at, but as it does not require a vote at the AGM, that it should be discussed after the AGM.</p> <p>Note: The minimum age of members was queried. Mem and Arts state that Ordinary Members must be 18 or over. Associate Members (can't join the board or vote) do not need to be over 18.</p> <p>EM mentioned that increased membership helps with grant applications. DM suggested that DCDT should ensure that the community is aware that DCDT owns and maintains the square on their behalf.</p> <p>DM suggested that there should be signs on the WHW with QR codes, giving information about businesses in the village.</p>	<p>??</p> <p>RB</p>
11.	<p>DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>AGM: Wednesday 15 June 2022 at 7pm. Location Village Hall</p>	