



DCDT Enterprise Company

Directors Meeting – 29th August 2022 (David Mackie’s house)

Directors Present: Richard Boddington (RB), Ewan MacKay (EM), Paul Saunders (PS), David Mackie (DM), Katy Gibb (KG) (missed first 30 minutes), Struan Robb (SR)

Non-Directors Present: Robert Coleman (RC), Michelle Mitchell (MM) (until 21.30), Simon Reid (SPR)

Item	Discussion	Actioner
	<p>Note: The Agenda items were rearranged to ensure that all Directors were present for the Election of Officers and the major items for discussion, and so the order of minutes here does not match the agenda.</p> <p>DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Minutes of last meeting (23/05/2022) for review • Drymen Community Facilities Plan • Drymen Place Plan Briefing • Road Layout FAQs <p>1. WELCOME All welcomed after a good break over the summer. Particular welcome to Michelle Mitchell who attended for the first time. Michelle has a particular interest in (the lack of) public transport links between local villages. (Note – it was confirmed after the meeting that Michelle’s postcode falls within the area required for Ordinary Member status)</p> <p>2. APOLOGIES Rae Gibb (RG) unable to attend. Katy Gibb unable to attend the first 30 minutes.</p> <p>3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING Minutes of 23 May 2022 meeting proposed by DM & seconded by SR. (Minutes from the AGM on 15 June 2022 are virtually complete – require some updates to the DCDT web page in order to finalise).</p> <p>4. TREASURER’S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP(EM) As of 1st August 2022, we have £40,228.10 in the Bank. Of which £35,066.49 is restricted and £ 4,517.05 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. We have a couple of commitments for piping in the Square and the painting of the Bus shelter which have become due in August. <p>Notable changes in the period to our financial position are:-</p>	

1. Our Membership is at 147. However, we have 47 outstanding who have not yet renewed their membership.

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 - £0 – Residual funds have been returned to the covid support group
- Paths Leaflet - £840.87– This is to cover the cost of reprinting this leaflet. (This has increased due to sales of the Paths leaflet)
- 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 - £459.27 – This is remaining for the final 2 maps of the village.
- Bus shelter Renovations and Green Bike hub - **£-1,958.70** – All income has now been received for this project and we only 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 (Lead Cycles) - £362 – We have no outstanding payments required for this.

Grants

- We have been successful in getting our funding bid from the road safety trust for a Trial of a new road layout in the square - £30k.
- We have submitted various funding applications for the Road refurbishment however we have not been successful with any of them.
- We currently have 2 outstanding grant applications
 1. For 2 E-Bikes with storage units and Wifi Code locks
 2. We have submitted an EOI for the Stirling Communities Place based investment programme for £120k to buy the Plot of land next to the Stirling Road Car Park.
- An application can be submitted to Viridor Landfill Communities fund for funding for Drymen Square access road.

Other

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?

EM noted the key issue as the overspend on the bus shelter, and suggested that this would need to be covered from unrestricted funds. There were no objections to this.

5.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Paul Saunders, Ewan Mackay and Richard Boddington are all happy to remain in their current positions as Chair, Treasurer and Secretary respectively. No-one else put themselves forward for any roles and all agreed to the current officers remaining in place. (DM proposed and KG seconded).

EM and RB both suggested that this may be their final year in their particular roles.

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UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES

a) Toilets / Library

PS presented the "Drymen Community Facilities Plan" briefing note.

- Village in need of public toilets
- Stirling Council (SC) are looking for a new home for the library.
- Potential to develop a community building that includes library space, public toilets and possibly other community space.
- Desperate need for Changing Places (proper disabled access) toilets in the NP.
- Good chance of financial support from SC, NPA and other grant funding bodies (RTIF, National Lottery, UK govt) to support the aims above.
- DCDT has applied to SC for a grant to purchase the land for sale next to the Stirling Road car park.
- The old garage site is also an option if David Warnes/Sandy Fraser were interested in selling.
- SC is currently doing a feasibility study to determine what they need for a library site, and to identify possible locations.

RC noted that RSPB had recently installed Changing Places toilets at their Loch Leven reserve using RTIF funding and that they had seen a big jump in disabled visitor numbers as a result. Also noted that Scottish govt. are rumoured to be running out of money next year, and that RTIF fund projects need to be completed by December 2023, so ideally need to move quickly.

RB suggested that we need to keep all options on the table. In particular, the option of MacMic helping with a toilet block in the new Stirling Road car park should be kept as a Plan B (or C).

Action: PS to approach David Warnes and Sandy Fraser to see whether purchase of the garage site is a realistic option.

PS

b) Road Safety

EM presented the "Road Layout FAQs" briefing note.

- Temporary trial to narrow the main road as it goes round the corner past the square and the Spar. Also, to introduce a temporary crossing and 20mph speed limit through the village.
- Traffic surveys before and after installation to assess the effect on traffic.
- Funded by a grant from the Road Safety Trust.

All present supported the trial and agreed that ideally the speed limit through the village should be reduced to 20mph as part of the trial (note that 20mph is now the default government guidance for built up areas in Scotland).

SR agreed with the trial but noted that it may make it more difficult for larger vehicles (e.g. tractors and trailers) to turn into Main St. without going out across the road.

Next step would be to discuss with DCC at their next meeting on Tuesday 6 September and hopefully progress after that with a larger consultation with the community (assisted by TP&E).

MM asked for an update on the build out road feature on south entrance to village. PS relayed the latest discussion with Stirling Council – they are happy that it is

7.	<p>effectively slowing traffic into the village and no incidents have been reported in connection with it.</p> <p>c) Active Travel Ebike loans and Drymen Cycle Meanders continue to be popular. Discussion of bike routes linking villages, which is the key missing element for Drymen (as shown in both the Active Travel survey and the Living Well Locally survey). It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The paths committee in Balfron is working with Killearn to link the two villages. Almost complete? • Balfron paths committee also looking a route to connect to Balfron Station • Gartocharn looking at a link to Kilmarnock church and potentially RSPB reserve. <p><i>Action: RC to see if he can find proposed path maps showing Gartocharn links</i> <i>Action: RB to make contact with Balfron and Killearn path groups</i> <i>Action: RB to contact Adam Samson about Winnock Court path work.</i> <i>Action: PS, EM, SPR and RB to meet with Dave Robinson from NPA to highlight our Active Travel work to date and discuss options for local link paths (1/9/2022 at 9.30)</i></p> <p>d) Piping on the Square Piping evenings were well attended, although there were only 3 piping evenings this summer due to the challenges of finding available pipe bands. The cost of the band was £375 for the three evenings. The income was £485. KG suggested that it might be easier to find willing bands next year as they are gradually coming back after Covid.</p> <p>Thanks to Helensburgh Pipe Band for their fantastic performances in sometimes challenging conditions. Thanks to KG for organising.</p> <p>e) Square Improvements (mural, resurfacing) The RSPB boards are now in place. Thanks to RC for all his work on this.</p> <p>Cameron Reid has almost finished the murals in the bus stop, which look excellent and have been widely praised by the community.</p> <p><i>Action: Arrange a photo of Cameron and Ewan at the newly painted bus stop.</i> <i>Action: Arrange for vandal-proof pain to be applied.</i> <i>Action: Post photos of the bus shelter and ebike chargers tagging the relevant suppliers.</i></p> <p>Resurfacing of the road round the square is still outstanding as it has not been possible to secure funding (despite heroic efforts by EM). PS noted that Stuart Means from NPA has been very supportive of all the work done in the village. He suggested that it may be possible to use the Section 75 community contribution from MacMic to help fund the road resurfacing, given that we have already done a lot of Active Travel work in the village.</p> <p>PLACE PLAN PS Introduced: One of our main objectives for this year is to produce a Place Plan for the village. This is to replace/update the Community Action Plan, which expired in 2018. Our Place Plan will feed into the NPA's park plan.</p>	<p>RC RB RB PS,EM,SPR,RB</p> <p>PS EM, SPR EM</p>
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<p>8.</p> <p>9.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have good information available from the recent Active Travel survey, Living Well Locally (20MN) survey, (and Ironside Farrar visitor management report). • Some additional consultation will be required, particularly with local businesses. • We should ask to community to prioritise the things they would like to see. • We will need to reach out to local villages to get their input (MM: particularly on public transport issues). <p>The layout of the Plan can be based on templates used recently for other local villages and provided by NPA.</p> <p>PS has offered to write the report with help from a working group. SPR, KG, MM and RB all offered to help. The aim is to complete it by Christmas.</p> <p>AOCB</p> <p><i>Action: RB volunteered to update the website to include links to the most recent DCDT documents (e.g. meeting minutes, accounts etc.). PS to provide guidance.</i></p> <p>Thanks to DM for exemplary hosting (with beer, snacks and cakes!)</p> <p>DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS Monday 26 September – Location tbc.</p>	<p>RB, PS</p>
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