



**DCDT Enterprise Company**

**Directors Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Richard Boddington’s house)**

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

**Non-Directors Present:**

Item	Discussion	Actioner
	<p><b>DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Minutes of last meeting (29/08/2022) for review</li> </ul>	
1.	<p><b>WELCOME</b> All welcome. Thanks to RB for hosting and DM for provision of cakes.</p>	
2.	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b> Robert Coleman and Simon Reid unable to attend and sent apologies.</p>	
3.	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING</b> Actions from last meeting (29/8/2022) reviewed and almost all complete or in process. Minutes proposed by DM &amp; seconded by KG.</p>	
4.	<p><b>UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>a) Toilets / Library</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PS – Talked to Sandy Fraser/David Warnes about the garage site. They are minded to keep it to develop for hospitality. However, they are open to the option of renting some of it to DCDT/SC for provision of community services (library, toilets etc.) if this is of interest.</li> <li>• EM - We were unsuccessful in our bid to secure grant funding from Stirling Council (SC) to purchase the land for sale next to the Stirling Road car park.</li> <li>• SC is currently doing a feasibility study to determine what they need for a library site, and to identify possible locations. There is an online meeting with DCDT on Thursday 29/9 to discuss.</li> <li>• In terms of potential library sites – Noriston Green, the current Grow Garden site (by Drymen Football Pitch) and the Hawthorns were all suggested.</li> </ul> <p><i>Action: RB to raise these options with SC at next meeting with them.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Winnock has recently put up signs highlighting that their toilets are for customers only.</li> </ul> <p><i>Action: PS to talk to Winnock management team to establish whether this is the management position. Also investigate the possibility of re-instating the old toilet block (again, but with new owner!)</i></p>	<p>RB</p> <p>PS</p>

	<p><i>Action: RB to contact SC to update them on the lack of toilet facilities and request that they re-establish a comfort partner until a long-term solution can be achieved.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PS - Matt Buckland at NPA is still keen to support public toilets in Drymen and is discussing with SC. He is keen to meet with DCDT again. Anne-Michelle Ketteridge may be able to help secure grant funding.</li> <li>• DM suggested installation of temporary toilets (e.g. honeywagon) in front of garage site if no other solution in place by next summer season.</li> <li>• Overall, it is not clear whether SC are in a position to provide funding to support a new library site, and therefore a sensible approach may be to progress the toilet project separately so that it is not dependent on the library.</li> </ul> <p><b>b) Road Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan was outlined to DCC at their last meeting and they have provided a letter of support.</li> <li>• TP&amp;E to start the baseline monitoring in late September.</li> <li>• Next step is to organise a consultation event with the local community to outline the trial plan. PS suggested that this could be combined with a Place Plan consultation (open to all but specific focus on businesses). Also a useful event to remind people about membership of DCDT.</li> </ul> <p><i>Action: RB to find a suitable date where village hall is available and confirm with TP&amp;E who will also attend. Update – arranged for 8 November.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RG can provide 8 whisky casks (to be cut in half) to use as planters in the road narrowing.</li> </ul> <p><b>c) Active Travel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful meeting with Dave Robinson from NPA to highlight our Active Travel work to date and discuss options for local link paths. He is keen to support but his focus likely to be on the Balmaha path and repairs to Conic Hill path for next year or so.</li> <li>• We have made contact with Balfron and Killearn paths groups. Initial meeting with Killearn paths group to hear their plans and meet the consultant (Crisping Hayes) who is supporting them.</li> <li>• RB suggested we apply for a grant from Ian Findlay Path Fund to do a feasibility study of a link path to Balfron (and possibly Croftamie). The Balfron link could be part of the larger strategic Kings Highway path from Stirling to Dumbaron. Initial contact with IFPF has been made.</li> <li>• Application outstanding for 2 ebikes with lockers. The issue of how they are charged will need to be addressed if we are successful. Also, potential to fit them with GPS for security.</li> <li>• SR noted that the pavements up to Croftamie may be undergoing improvement as part of current works to install a new water pipe.</li> </ul> <p><b>d) Square Improvements (mural, resurfacing)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bus stop murals have now been protected by a layer of vandal proof paint. This was not in the original spec and the extra cost was £200, which all agreed was reasonable. The murals have been very well received.</li> <li>• The square inspection is due in October.</li> </ul>	<p>RB</p> <p>RB</p>
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	<p><i>Action: RB to arrange a date in October for the six-monthly inspection of the Village Square.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potholes continue to develop in places on the road around the square. Some further repairs will be required before winter.</li> </ul> <p><i>Action: EM to order some more pothole repair materials.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EM suggested resurfacing the square road in sections, starting at the Clachan. Combining the resurfacing with the installation of a pavement in front of the Clachan could be more attractive to funders as well as the Clachan.</li> </ul> <p><i>Action: EM/PS to talk to Gordon about whether a pavement in front of the Clachan would be of interest.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RB suggested that we revisit the road resurfacing specification, looking at a shallower resurfacing to reduce the cost. This may make the project more achievable in terms of raising the required finance.</li> <li>PS suggested that a meeting with local businesses was required to agree a solution to the road repair problem.</li> <li>Currently unclear when/if the MacMic development is going to progress, which puts the associated road crossings in question.</li> </ul> <p><i>Action: PS to ask for update from DCC.</i></p>	<p>RB</p> <p>EM</p> <p>EM/PS</p> <p>PS</p>
5.	<p><b>PLACE PLAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A working group has been set up containing: Paul Sanders, Katy Gibb, Simon Reid, Richard Boddington, David Mackie, Michelle Mitchell, Rhona Carmichael.</li> <li>An initial meeting was suggested for 8pm on Wednesday 5 October.</li> </ul> <p><i>Action: RB to send out an invite. PS offered to host.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As part of the place plan process it is important to talk to our neighbouring communities.</li> <li>PS is planning to meet Margaret from the Balmaha community group on Thursday 29/9.</li> <li>DM volunteered to meet Kilmarnock groups (he is already in touch with them through his NPA role and consultations about Beavers).</li> </ul>	<p>RB and PS</p> <p>DM</p>
6&7	<p><b>TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP (EM)</b></p> <p>As of 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2022, we have £40743.82 in the Bank. Of which £34,166.49 is restricted and £4,543.01 is unrestricted and the balance is unrepresented payments made.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Payments and income have been accounted for.</li> <li>We currently have circa £2000 of unrepresented payments, this is Historical Payment plus £900 due for the Bus Shelter Mural, £375 for piping in the Square and £100 Electricity charges)</li> </ol> <p>Notable changes in the period to our financial position are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Membership is at 144 with 4 memberships not renewed as they have left the Village and 1 new membership. However, we have 42 outstanding who have not renewed their membership.</li> <li>The Piping in the Square income was £483.73 with costs of £375.</li> <li>The final invoice for the Bus shelter has now been received of £900.</li> </ol>	

4. Our Electricity bill is now nearly £100 for the period, however we are looking into moving suppliers, to get an improved standing charge.

**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
- Paths Leaflet - £840.87– This is to cover the cost of reprinting this leaflet. (This has increased due to sales of the Heritage Trail 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 - ~~£-2,858.70~~ – This project is now complete and we need to transfer funds from the unrestricted funds to pay for this overspend. **It was agreed by all that the overspend should be covered from unrestricted funds.**
- 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. – This Project has now kicked off and we need to agree a date for the Community Engagement.

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. – This bid was rejected in this round of funding due to the uncertainties in the project however recommended for review in the next round of funding.

Funding applications – We will be submitting another funding application to Inspire Scotland to purchase the land on Stirling Road as a site for the Toilets and Library, due on the 6<sup>th</sup> October.

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

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**AOCB**

- PS noted that EM was committing a lot of time to grant applications and project management, leaving him short of time to undertake the remaining Treasurer role. Suggestion that a new Treasurer be found and that EM moves to a position as Vice-Chair, allowing him to focus more on grants and projects. All agreed this was a sensible approach.

*Action: All to look out for a suitable replacement Treasurer. Publicise the requirement for a Treasurer in the next communication with members.*

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<p>9.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RG has been investigating insurance for the solar roof and electric bike chargers at the bus shelter. So far, no insurers have been willing to cover, stating that the risk is too high. Ongoing.</li> <li>• RB has been investigating an alternative electricity provider for the square in order to reduce the daily standing charge and hopefully also enable sale of the solar energy produced under the Special Export Guarantee Scheme. Octopus are currently looking favourite, but waiting for the market to settle after last week's energy cap announcements. Ongoing.</li> <li>• KG – Drymen Heritage Society - War Memorial Centenary Book has been produced by KG and Carol Hemfrey. Centenary is on 15 October 2022. It will go online but would also like to produce some hard copies for the library and to sell to residents. Can we fund production of hard copies? EM - It may be possible to fund from our reserves, but may also be able to get grant funding. Will need to be quick to be done by 15/10. Getting copies printed was supported by all present.</li> </ul> <p><i>Action: RB/PS to put online on the Discover Drymen website.</i>  <i>Action: EM to investigate grant funding – Community Pride Fund?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EM – war memorial needs to be repaired. Funding may be available from the War Memorials Trust. A quote is required.</li> </ul> <p><i>Action: DM/SR to contact Graham Fraser for a quote.</i>  <i>Action: EM (?) to cut grass around the memorial.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DM volunteered to run the Advent Windows event again. General thought that we might run it every second year, to keep popularity? Ask community opinion?</li> </ul> <p><b>DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</b></p> <p>Date and Location tbc. Monday 31 October likely date.</p>	<p><i>RB/PS</i> <i>EM</i></p> <p><i>DM/SR</i> <i>EM</i></p> <p><i>DM</i></p>
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