



**DCDT Enterprise Company
Directors Meeting – 28th November 2022 (Village Hall)**

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

Non-Directors Present: Simon Reid (SPR), Hilary Soanes (HS), Robert Coleman (RC)

Item	Discussion	Actioner
1.	<p>DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Minutes of last meeting (31/10/2022) for review <p>WELCOME Welcome to all. Particular welcome to HS who has agreed to takeover from EM as treasurer. This was proposed by EM and seconded by SR. EM to take up a new role as vice chair. HS proposed and RB seconded. All in attendance supported these changes.</p>	
2.	<p>APOLOGIES David Mackie (DM), Katy Gibb (KG), Rae Gibb (RG) unable to attend and sent apologies.</p>	
3.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING Minutes from last meeting (31/10/2022) proposed by PS & seconded by EM.</p>	
4.	<p>UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES</p> <p>a) Toilets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS has spoken to Matt Buckland at NPA. Matt has had positive conversations with MacMic about installing foundations and drainage in the Stirling Road car park and will follow up with them. • DCDT and DCC to ask NPA/SC to provide seasonal/temporary toilets until permanent toilets are in place? • Permanent toilets are likely to require a usage charge to cover cleaning and maintenance. <p>b) Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change. <p>c) Road Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of village consultation event on 8 November – agreed that it was a successful event and that, although there were a few people with valid questions and concerns, there was general support for the idea of slowing traffic in the village. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PS has been in touch with SC to highlight that DCC are now in favour of a 20mph limit through the village and to request that this is implemented. EM suggested that the children of the village could paint the planters. <p><i>Action: Check the proposed survey dates with TP&E.</i></p>	EM?
<p>d) Active Travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balfron path feasibility grant from Leader CLLD – result imminent (Update – since the meeting we have heard that our application has been successful.) Application successful for 2 ebikes with lockers. See below. 	
<p>e) Village Square</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EM has ordered £500 of pothole repair materials for the road. <p><i>Action: Team to affect repairs when we have a dry spell. 3 December suggested.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EM has secured a grant of £500 to cover our electricity bills on the square. EM reports that SSE are due to fit a smart meter for the square supply on 15 December. The solar panel installers are also due to revisit the bus shelter to ensure that the installation is MCS certified to allow sale of generated electricity. EM is considering a battery for the bus shelter to make better use of the solar energy being produced and reduce use of grid energy. RB has been progressing transfer of electricity supply to Octopus. Suppliers are currently reluctant to transfer customers, and so it has been a slow process... <p><i>Action: RB to transfer electricity supply to Octopus, but will delay until after smart meter has been installed on 15/12.</i></p>	All
<p>f) Christmas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Tree Lights have been tested. One set of lights is broken and all agreed that EM spend about £150 to purchase a replacement LED set. Since the meeting DPS has proposed two children to switch on the lights – Fergus Sendall and Islay Busnelo. 	RB
<p><i>Action: EM to purchase a new set of lights.</i></p> <p><i>Action: Help erect the tree on 3 December</i></p> <p><i>Action: Carols and “switch-on” on 4 December. Send out reminders (FB)</i></p>	EM All All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advent Windows Advent windows list and map has been published. <p><i>Action: Agree on WhatsApp who is going to take photos and publish on Facebook each evening.</i></p>	All?
<p>g) Jazz evening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fixed for Saturday 10 December. Fiona and Charlie have publicised and set up ticketing, raffle prizes, etc. <p><i>Action: RB to link Fiona with HS and also ask what help she needs with publicity.</i></p>	RB

5&6	<p>h) Place Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Place Plan Consultation on 8 November was very successful with a steady flow of visitors during the day, most of who completed the survey. We now have 3 variations of the survey – standard, young people’s and business. Overall, we have over 100 responses (as of 1/12/2022). Thanks to KG for encouraging secondary school pupils to complete the survey. Hard copies of the standard survey are available at the library, pharmacy, bakery and village hall. Online versions of the standard and business survey are available on the Discover Drymen website. The intention is to allow survey response up until the end of the year. PS has been drafting several sections of the Place Plan document, with initial review from RB. RB has started work on the environmental and climate section and has contacted some people with relevant expertise in the village for input/review (Charlie Wallace, Peter Phillips and Robert Coleman (RC)). RC suggested some nature friendly initiatives for within the village (bug hotels, nature corridors, nest boxes, pollen banks) It was initially proposed that the next DCDT meeting focus on reviewing and finalising the Place Plan. This was scheduled for 16th January. However, after the meeting it was revised so that the January meeting stay as normal and the following meeting on 27 February be the review meeting. <p><i>Action: RB to send out a further reminder on FB to complete the survey.</i></p> <p><i>Action: RB to arrange the next Place Plan working group meeting for 5 December.</i></p>	<p>RB</p> <p>RB</p>
	<p>i) Ebike and locker grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application successful for 2 ebikes with lockers. EM has started procuring the items and we need to develop a system to manage the bikes. <p><i>Action: RB and EM (and others?) develop the terms of use for the bikes.</i></p> <p><i>Action: RB to talk to Jim Riach about insurance, maintenance etc.</i></p>	<p>RB/EM/?</p> <p>RB</p>
	<p>j) Defibrillator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The village defibrillator is currently managed by Loch Lomond and the Trossachs Search and Rescue and funded by the Drymen Covid support group. It costs approximately £120 to replace the consumables each time it is used. Drymen Covid support group would like DCDT to take on the funding role. All agreed that this was a sensible way to proceed. <p><i>Action: EM/HS to investigate any possible sources of grant funding to cover the ongoing costs.</i></p>	<p>EM/HS</p>
	<p>TREASURER’S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP (EM)</p> <p>As of 1st Nov 2022, we have £42472.82 in the Bank. Of which £43,445.33 is restricted and £1,921.57 is unrestricted and the balance is unrepresented income and payments made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Payments and income have been accounted for and any unrepresented items are highlighted in yellow. After all of the transactions this month we currently have circa £2800 due to the trust in grant funding payments. <p>Notable changes in the period to our financial position are:-</p>	

- Our Membership is at 149 with 3 new memberships. We have 37 outstanding who have not renewed their membership.
- We should receive the following payments during November
 - £565 from Stirling Council to fund the War Memorial Book
 - £8870.77 from Cycling Scotland for the community E-Bikes
 - £1200 from the National Park for the Community Place Plan
 - £500 for the Electricity bill – Magic Wee Grants.
 - £78.50 in membership payments
- And we have paid out
 - £7680.84 for the E-Bikes and the Storage units for the Ebikes.

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 - £3,025.23 – Slight reduction this period for the renewal of the Drymen.org web domain - 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.
- Shift Funding (Lead Cycles) - £362 – We have no outstanding payments required for this.
- Road Safety Trial in Drymen Square – £3000 – No Movement on this fund – We are expecting an invoice from TP&E for around £10k.
- Drymen War Memorial Book - £565 – Funds received from Stirling Council.
- Drymen Community E-Bike Project – £1189.93 – Bikes and Storage Units purchased only the Code Locks outstanding.
- Drymen E-bike Charging Point Fund - £500 – This is to pay for the Electricity bill for the Square.
- National Park Contribution to Place Plan - £1200 – Fund received – Invoice for Hall hire is expected at the month end.

Grants

We have been awarded £565 Funding bid to the Stirling Communities fund to pay for a hardback copy of the War Memorial book prepared by Drymen Historical Society

We currently have 3 outstanding grant applications

- A £100k funding bid to Inspire Scotland to Purchase the land by Stirling Road car park and install temporary toilets
- A £100k funding bid to Inspire Scotland for the resurfacing of the Road around the Square.
- A £10k funding bid to leader to look at a cycling route to Balfron (update: informed application successful since this meeting)

We can submit a grant application to Viridor Landfill Communities fund for funding for Square access road.

We can submit a grant application to the War memorials trust for the repair of the stonework around the base of the war memorial.

Action: HS to follow up members yet to renew.

HS

7.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mem and Arts need review and update to reflect the new membership fees. • HS was considering strategies to encourage members to renew their membership. Suggested that we send members a Christmas card. Probably best on mailchimp? • It was also suggested that we send out another flyer in January summarising our main achievements for this last year and our three objectives for next year. • EM suggested buying a leaf hoover for the village. This prompted a wider discussion on re-instating the paths group and a tool library for the village. • DM has is waiting for a more detailed quote for work to repair the war memorial. <p><i>Action: EM to ask KG about latest situation with the War Memorial book.</i></p>	EM
8.	<p>DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>No meeting in December</p> <p>Next DCDT meeting - Monday 16 January 2023. Location tbc.</p> <p>It is proposed that the February meeting (27 February 2023?) is dedicated to a review of the Place Plan.</p>	