



**DCDT Enterprise Company
Directors Meeting – 16th January 2023 (Village Hall)**

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

Non-Directors Present: Simon Reid (SPR), Robert Coleman (RC), Maureen Wooster (MW), Richard Wooster (RW)

Item	Discussion	Actioner
	<p>DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Minutes of last meeting (28/11/2022) for review • Treasurer’s report dated 16/01/2023 • Board resolution – change of bank account 	
1.	<p>WELCOME Welcome to all. Particular welcome to Maureen and Richard Wooster who have recently moved to the village and are keen to become involved in the community.</p>	
2.	<p>APOLOGIES No apologies</p>	
3.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING Minutes from last meeting (28/11/2022) proposed by EM & seconded by HS.</p>	
4.	<p>REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS TREE AND ADVENT WINDOWS Both activities went well. EM has bought some new lights to replace some faulty ones on the square trees (not the Christmas tree itself). The new junction box tripped from time to time. Suggestion is that a build up of moisture in the new enclosure is causing this.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: EM to consider putting vents in the enclosure box to reduce moisture levels.</i></p>	EM
5.	<p>UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES a) Toilets Stirling Council (SC) has agreed that public toilets can be located in the Stirling Road Car Park. DM suggested that the design be similar to the Luss toilet block.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: DM to contact MacMic for an update on the housing development.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: DM to contact John White (architect) to request an initial design for the toilet block.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: DM to email Matt Buckland at NPA to update on toilets.</i></p>	DM DM DM

	<p><i>Action: Review design and pass to Stirling Council so they know the likely footprint.</i></p> <p>b) Library SC has put in a request for capital funding and expects to hear back in March 2023. Norrieston Green is currently the only potential site?</p> <p>c) Road Safety Stirling Council are looking to install 20mph limits in the village, but the Road Safety Trust are concerned that installing the new speed limits and the traffic calming simultaneously will make it difficult to separate the effects of the two changes. Therefore, it's proposed that the 20mph limit be installed first, then an extra survey, then installation of the traffic calming, with a further survey the following year. Traffic calming needs to be installed before the summer season. TP&E has not yet carried out the baseline survey that was scheduled for November 2022, and this is starting to have implications for the timings of the project.</p> <p><i>Action: EM to chase up TP&E again.</i> <i>Action: Talk to contact Stirling Council about timings for 20mph limit and traffic calming lines</i></p> <p>d) Active Travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drymen to Balfron path feasibility study is underway. RB shared the preliminary sketch from SWECO showing suggested route options. SR and DM helped identify potential landowners along possible routes. • The Countryside Trust are holding a board meeting in Drymen on 23/2 and have asked DCDT to update them on their active travel activities. RB and possibly EM to attend. • Countryside Trust are starting a "bike friendly" tourist scheme for hospitality businesses. RB will work with Jim Riach to encourage Drymen businesses to sign up. • New ebikes and lockers. See (g) below. <p><i>Action: HS to renew our Cycling UK membership (required to maintain insurance for Drymen Cycle Meanders).</i></p> <p>e) Village Square</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pothole repair materials are ready. Need to find a dry day for carrying out some temporary repairs. In the longer term, George from 5 Stuart Drive may be able to help with repairs. DM to contact George? <p><i>Action: Team to affect repairs when we have a dry spell. 19 January suggested.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Square electricity supply now has a smart meter fitted and we have transferred provider to Octopus which should be much cheaper. We also have the required solar panel certificates for export. <p><i>Action: RB to set up solar panel export with Octopus.</i> <i>Action: RB (and HS?) to sort out the account details with Octopus to ensure all details are correct and consistent.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Stirling Road Welcome to Drymen sign has been graffitied (as has the play park, now fixed by SC). Police have been notified. <p><i>Action: DM to see if he can remove the graffiti from the sign.</i></p>	<p>All</p> <p>EM EM/PS</p> <p>HS</p> <p>Any</p> <p>RB RB/HS</p> <p>DM</p>
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	<p>f) Place Plan Survey is now closed with 107 responses from residents and 6 from businesses. The report is largely written and designed. Some sections have been reviewed by relevant people (e.g., Jim Riach for movement section, Charlie Wallace and Robert Coleman for environment section) The next DCDT meeting on 27 February will focus on reviewing and finalising the Place Plan. The draft will be circulated for review in early February.</p> <p><i>Action: RB to pick a winner of the Amazon voucher from the youth respondents.</i> <i>Action: RB to send out invite to next DCDT meeting as a Place Plan review meeting.</i></p> <p>g) Ebike and locker grant EM now has most of the items (just lockers outstanding) and we need to develop a system to manage the bikes. RB has contacted Jim at Countryside Trust about bike insurance – they insure their bikes as part of their overall corporate policy. A working group of RB, EM, PS, HS and MW was formed to develop the bike loan service. MW kindly offered to review best practice in existing bike loan schemes.</p> <p><i>Action: RB to organise a meeting to discuss the issues.</i> <i>Action: RB to consult with Stevie Nimmo, Sarah Deas, Jim Riach</i> <i>Action: MW to review existing best practice in similar schemes (RB sent out the Countryside Trust ebike loan documents to group for information).</i> <i>Action: RB to look into insurance through our Cycling UK membership.</i></p> <p>h) Defibrillator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS suggested that any money raised from jazz evening raffles should be reserved for ongoing funding of the defibrillator. All agreed. <p><i>Action: HS to check with Fiona McRae.</i></p>	<p>RB RB</p> <p>RB RB MW RB</p> <p>HS</p>
6&7.	<p>TREASURER’S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP (HS) The DCDT’s book bank balance as at 13th January 2023 is £49,906.93 of which £36,396.28 is restricted. £13,510.65 is unrestricted.</p> <p>Income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are now able to report ‘real time’ bank balances following progress in obtaining partial online banking. The RBS bank balance as at 13th is £49,822.54. The £84.39 difference is highlighted in yellow (spread sheet) being unrepresented items. • The significant increase in unrestricted funds compared to November’s report is largely following the incredibly kind legacy of £12,000 left to the trust by Jean Aitken (deceased). • We also received £200 raffle proceeds from the successful Tenements Jazz event organised by Fiona McRae. • There were a few membership renewals too. • Place Plan monies of £1200 have still not been received but assume these will be with us before the financial year-end. <p>Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Safety Trial – (overdrawn £2820) We have been invoiced and paid out the first interim invoice for £5820 which has absorbed the funding already received of £3000. The project has suffered from some delays but drawings 	

approval is imminent and further funding of circa £7000 will put that fund back in credit. The project is on-going. EM to update.

- **E-Bike Project** – Bikes are bought, locks also bought and paid for. The fund is virtually closed with £227.53 remaining. Launch of the project requires some discussion and plan for the way forward.
- **Magic Wee Grant** – £233.35. This fund is currently paying for electricity costs. We have recently switched from SSE to Octopus and needed to pay a deposit in order to switch to a cheaper standing charge tariff. This will be recovered over time once the account evolves. We also have the benefit of a SMART meter now to ensure accuracy.
- **Paths Fund** – £29,226.13. HS asked for an update from Dave Robinson (Recreation and access adviser LLTNP) in December. He confirms that they are looking to see if the remaining path is eligible for the Active Travel Transformation Fund for 2023/24 and will keep us updated. In the meantime, asks if we are happy to hold on to it. As the funds are just sat there it seems a good idea to put these on 95-day deposit until they are called upon.
- **Play Park** - £3076.90. HS asked Carol Still for an update and she confirms they are still considering how to best utilise the funds. We could put this fund on 35-day deposit until called upon.
- **Paths Leaflet** - £840.87. No movement
- **Drymen web site** - £3025.23. No movement
- **Info boards** - £459.27, No movement.
- **Memorial Book** - £565. No movement.
- **Shift Funding (Lead Cycles)** - £362. No movement
- **Place Plan contribution** - £1200 due but still not received from LLTNP

Grants

The two £100K grant applications for land purchase and road resurfacing were unsuccessful. We did, however, manage to achieve approval for £10,000 feasibility study for the Balfron cycling route. SWECO appointed and first meeting held.

All agreed not to proceed with the hardback version of the memorial book and to return the grant money (hopefully less £150 for printing costs incurred).

Membership

HS sent out a Christmas card greeting to all members in December. It's possibly a good method to send out membership reminders. What do people think? HS hasn't spent much time on the membership list yet as focussed on sorting out the bank account but will provide a fuller report next time. Membership numbers now stands at 152.

Banking

It seems obvious on taking on the role of Treasurer that the bank account was rather old school and following closure of both the RBS branch and the Post Office in Drymen rather cumbersome to operate. It seemed clear that a switch to online banking would sort this out. However, after seemingly making good progress it still isn't ideal. We now have online access to the bank account but it is 'view only' and we are still unable to make online payments. After further investigation, HS discovered the account we have is a 'Treasurers Account' which are no longer available to new customers. After taking advice, the way forward seems to be to open a standard current account with full online facilities. For Community Organisations with T/O less than £100K they are free of charge. We will then get full service. Alongside this we can also operate deposit accounts in order to receive some return on the balances held. This could return us a decent sum now that interest rates are on the rise.

	<p>All present agreed to change to a new account to allow more efficient banking and access to higher interest deposit accounts.</p> <p>Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS to complete the RBS banking upgrade. Account application forms to sign by all parties and Board Resolution to complete. • Membership renewals system to be sorted for the next meeting. • Letter sent by HS via Jean Aitken’s solicitor thanking them for the donation. No reply so far. • Donation Boxes? Are they still in the library and coffee shop? HS to take this over? • HS would prefer a business email address, if possible? <p><i>Action: HS to progress change to a more modern bank account.</i></p> <p><i>Action: HS/EM to return centenary booklet money to funder.</i></p> <p><i>Action: HS to follow up members yet to renew.</i></p> <p><i>Action: HS to collect path leaflets money from library, Skoosh, Drymen Bakery.</i></p> <p><i>Action: PS to arrange a DCDT email address for HS (take over existing Treasurer address?)</i></p>	<p>HS HS/EM HS HS PS</p>
8.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mem and Arts need review to update to reflect the new membership fees. • RB noted that The Hub G63 plan to wind down the Community Grow Garden unless someone takes it over. General agreement that it is not in DCDT’s interest to take it over. • RB noted that Strathblane Community Trust are planning to run lifelong learning classes in the new library and would like to survey Drymen residents to gauge interest. RB will help publicise the survey. • EM reported on “Local Energy” and the prospect of local domestic electricity users benefitting from cheap energy from their local renewable project. This is an initiative set up with Octopus, and the community may be able to benefit from the Buchanan hydro scheme on the Burn of Mar. <p><i>Action: RB to review/update Mem and Arts.</i></p> <p><i>Action: EM to identify local primary substation.</i></p>	<p>RB EM</p>
9.	<p>DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>Next DCDT meeting - Monday 27 February 2023.</p> <p>It is proposed that the next meeting is dedicated to a review of the Place Plan.</p>	