Coalfield Communities Landscape Partnership

Board Meeting 6

Minutes

Date: Date: 14 October 21 **Time**: 2-3.20pm **Venue**: MS Teams

Attendees:

- Lyndsey Kinnes – Operations Manager Strathclyde and Ayrshire, NatureScot
- Rae Smith - 9CCG
- Councillor Drew Filson - East Ayrshire Council
- Anneke Freel – Chief Officer, East Ayrshire Leisure
- Marie McNulty - Delivery Group Chair (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere)
- Alex Baird - 9CCG
- Ed Forrest – Biosphere Co-ordinator, Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere
- Cllr Elaine Dinwoodie - East Ayrshire Council
- Cllr Jacqui Todd - East Ayrshire Council
- Ed Turner - Forest and Land Scotland

Apologies:

- William Corson – 9CCG group.
- Lynda Boyd - N&SCP
- Deryck Irving –Director of Strategy and Development, Green Action Trust
- Dr Erick Sutherland – Interim Head of Locality and Care Services
- Cynthia Bahi – CCLP Project Officer, East Ayrshire Council
- Cllr Walter Young - East Ayrshire Council

Officers in Attendance:

- Colin McKee – Heritage Projects Co-ordinator, East Ayrshire Council
- Colin MacDonald – CCLP Project Supervisor, East Ayrshire Council
- Carolann McPhillimy - CCLP Project Officer, East Ayrshire Council

1. **Welcome and Apologies**
   Deryck Irving (Chair) on holiday and Colin McKee kindly volunteered to chair. Ed Turner was welcomed to the Board. Apologies notes as above.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
   These were agreed and approved. Proposed by Rae Smith and seconded by Lyndsey Kinnes. No issues.

3. **Actions and Matter Arising**

Outstanding Action from previous meetings

Action 7: Deryck Irving to update Board on the potential of biodiversity offsetting for the CCLP and its partners. **Ongoing.**

Action 1: Colin MacDonald to find out when name of Benwaht changed to Benquat. **Complete**

Action 2: CCLP Project Supervisor to turn M1 to green as Board meeting have not been affected by COVId19 in that they have all been done online. **Complete**

Action 3: Colin McKee to find out the process of how Las will be allocated the money for the biodiversity fund. **Anneke updated. A working group has been established and an action plan is being developed along the lines of the EAC Biodiversity Duty Report which includes the CCLP. Ongoing.**

Action 4: Colin MacDonald to find out what the £21k Relax and Refuel project for Dalmellington was for. **Completed**

New actions from 14th October 2021 meeting

- **Action 1: Colin MacDonald to circulate draft Delivery Group mins form 12th July 2021 meeting.**
- **Action 2: Louise (EALT) to arrange a meeting with relevant parties to discuss signage in the Doon Valley.**
- **Action 3: CCLP Project Supervisor to change M5 (Project Partner staff being placed on furlough) to green. Amend typo in T5 g.**
- **Action 4: Carolann to have a look at constitution to see if it complies with Scottish Govt.**
- **Action 5: Lyndsey to send Anneke the grid reference of geological feature.**
- **Action 6: Colin MacDonald to send out calendar invites for Board meeting dates.**

4. **Project Supervisors Report**

Colin MacDonald delivered as per the report circulated with the agenda. No questions.

5. **Project Updates**

Project update was delivered by Marie McNulty as chair of the Delivery Group. The 5th Delivery Group meeting was held on the 12th of July 2021. Marie gave an overview of the meeting.

Action 1: Colin MacDonald to circulate draft Delivery Group mins form 12th July 2021 meeting.

A summary project matrix was sent out with the agenda including highlights and issues with the projects. Main issues discussed were the Doon Valley Railways issue with the land that they lease. The owner has indicated that he wants to put up for auction. The Ayrshire railway Preservation Group (ARPG) are in no position to buy at the moment. Carolann and Elaine Stewart (Connecting Communities) are working with the Dalmellington Parish Development Trust to look at registering for Community purchase. A lot to be done.

The second issue discussed was the land at Chalmerston that we are looking at for the mountain bike project. Hargreaves are now not selling to Forest and Land Scotland so we are looking at options to discuss with Hargreaves re buying or renting.

The third issue discussed was to do with the Lugar and Doon valley walks and the difficulties of engaging with landowners. Anneke gave an update and hopefully the Lugar walk will begin construction in early 2022. Engaged with a new land owner which was good. Still some issues with a land owner in the Doon Valley. Anneke and team will work with Cllr Filson to resolve the issue. The Doon valley route is being looked at as part of a bigger Levelling Up project. Discussion around signage across the Doon Valley was proposed to build on work done on Lethanhill so far. Also links to Place Names project and Lost Villages project.

The Board was pleased to hear about progress on the walks.

Action 2: Louise (EALT) to arrange a meeting with relevant parties to discuss signage in the Doon Valley.

6. **Finance**
   Colin MacDonald went through the table that was circulated with the agenda. No issues raised. Still an under spend but claims are now coming in and being processed. Claim 5 to be submitted to NLHF.

7. **Risk Register and health and Safety**
   Risk Register circulated with agenda. Agreed to change M5 to green. Colin McKee pointed out a typo in T5g

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8. **Sub Groups**
   These have been set up.
   Finance sub group: - Carolann gave an update. 31th August 21 meeting with presentation by Social Investment Scotland. Next meeting to in Feb 2022.

Legacy Sub group: - Next meeting in Jan 2022.

Advisory Group: - Colin MacDonald working with Historic Environment Scotland on an introduction day to HEs for the project partners. Similar sessions will be looked at for other group members.

9. AOB/ Partners updates

Alex Baird, 9CCG – Close to applying to Oscar with constitution. EAC have adopted the constitution and have elected members on the board. Community consultation has been carried out in 8 of the 9 community council areas. Patna now has a community council so they will meet with them soon. First lot of money to come in late 2023 early 2024.

Action 4: Carolann to have a look at constitution to see if it complies with Scottish Govt.

Ed Forrest – Biosphere is recruiting 2 new officers. Community Engagement and Land use Advisor. AGM to be held on 25th November in Dalmellington Community hall at 2pm. All invited.

Ed Turner – Finding his feet now. Planting in Skears/Netherton underway. Working with Pollinators and Coalfields to Wildwoods projects. North Kyle master Plan on hold till the outcome of the North Kyle wind farm is known.

Lyndsey Kinnes – There is a geological SSSI feature on the Lugar walk which could do with interpretation.

Action 5: Lyndsey to send Anneke the grid reference of geological feature.

10. Meeting Dates for the Year

Proposed dates:

12th Jan 2022 Changed to 19th January 2022 so that we can have the Delivery Group the week before
13th April 2022 changed to 27th April 2022 as 13th falls in Easter holidays.
13th July 2022
12th October 2022

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Summary of Actions

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