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Board Meeting 8

Minutes

Date: Date: 27 Apr 2022 **Time**: 2-3.20pm **Venue**: MS Teams

Attendees:

- Lyndsey Kinnes – Operations Manager Strathclyde and Ayrshire, NatureScot
- Jenna Cains - Delivery Group Chair (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere)
- Alex Baird - 9CCG
- Ed Forrest – Biosphere Co-ordinator, Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere
- Kay McMeekin - Cumnock History Group

Apologies:

- Emilie Wadsworth - Green Action Trust
- Lynda Boyd - N&SCP
- Dr Erick Sutherland – Interim Head of Locality and Care Services
- Cllr Walter Young - East Ayrshire Council
- Cllr Elaine Dinwoodie - East Ayrshire Council
- Cllr Jacqui Todd - East Ayrshire Council
- Rae Smith - 9CCG
- Councillor Drew Filson - East Ayrshire Council
- Anneke Freel – Chief Officer, East Ayrshire Leisure
- Ed Turner - Forest and Land Scotland
- Cynthia Bahi - CCLP Project Officer, 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**

   Ed Forrest chaired the meeting (temporary appointment) and welcomed all.

   Apologies listed as above.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
   These were agreed and approved. Proposed by Alex Baird and seconded by Ed Forrest.

3. **Actions and Matter Arising**

Action 1: Colin MacDonald to circulate draft Delivery Group minutes from 11th January Delivery Group meeting. **To be done**
Action 2: Colin McKee offered to contact ARA regarding signage and set up a meeting to discuss signage. **Complete**

4. **Project Supervisors Report**

Colin MacDonald delivered as per the report circulated with the agenda.

Ed Forrest asked if there were any concerns from NLHF regarding the delayed projects. Colin MacDonald said that they were just flagging up early the delays in the Mountain bike project due to land issues and to try and get resolved.

Carolann McPhillimy said that we ae looking to work with the Dalmellington Parish Development Trust to break the project down in to 3 phases, an inclusive cycling track, a pump track and a gravel course in wider area once the windfarms have been developed.

Colin McKee mentioned the development of the Doon Valley Master Plan with further consultation due in May and anticipated completion date in July.
Lyndsey asked if there was going to be a formal consultation and Colin McKee thought that if it was to become Statuary Guidance then it would be.

Action 1: Colin McKee to circulate to CCLP Board the master Plan document when it is available.

5. **Project Updates**

Project update was delivered by Jenna Cains as chair of the Delivery Group. The 7th Delivery Group meeting was held on the 20th April 2022. 11 partners attended. Jenna gave a summary from the minutes (which had been circulated before the Board meeting).

A summary project report overview was sent out with the agenda including highlights and issues with the projects.

Colin MacDonald updated on the Lugar Valley Walk progress. 10 tenders were submitted and contract should be awarded in May 2022. Alex Baird asked if there was any communication with the Barony Wellness project. Colin MacDonald said no.

Action 2: Alex Baird to send Colin MacD contact details for Barony Wellness project.

Kay McMeekin from the Cumnock History Group gave a presentation on the Ploughing up the Past project. 6 volunteers. 420 farm records (since 1800s). 84 are still operating as farms. They have a website www.cumnockhistorygroup.org and a blog Ploughing Up Our Past (farminginthecumnockarea.blogspot.com) and a private Facebook page with 605 members contributing regularly.

They have produced a cook book, selling 400 and now on a second print run. Some will be sold in the Ayrshire Food Hub. They are also producing an e-book, have conducted oral history sessions and collected a lot of photographs. Working on the Green Mapping of farms with Cynthia.

They are having an exhibition at the Baird Institute from Saturday 30th April in the Baird Institute in Cumnock. It runs until the 27th August and is open during the Baird's normal opening hours of:-

THURSDAY: 12.30pm – 4.40pm & 5pm – 8.00pm
FRIDAY: 10.00am-4.00pm
SATURDAY: 10.00am-4.00pm

Ed Forrest – Thanked Kay for the very interesting talk and the progress of the project.

Colin McKee mentioned the possibility of linking up the project website with the future museum website. This website is undergoing a revamp.

Colin McKee offered to stock the cookbook at the Mauchline Holy Fair on the 28th of May.

Action 3: Kay and Colin McKee to meet up to collect cookbooks.

Carolann McPhillimy also suggested that they create podcasts from the oral history interviews.

6. **Finance**
   Colin MacDonald went through the table that was circulated with the agenda. No issues raised.

7. **Risk Register and health and Safety**
   Colin MacDonald went through the Risk Register that was circulated with the agenda. No issues raised.

   Ed Forrest said that it was good that the orange risks were decreasing and that there were no red.

8. Sub Groups

Finance sub group: - Carolann is working with individual groups at the moment as the sub group meeting had not been productive as hoped. They will meet later in the year.

Legacy Sub group: - Cynthia has arranged dates for the legacy group.

Advisory Group: - No update.

9. AOB/ Partners updates

Colin MacDonald presented a paper that was sent round regarding the extending of the Lost Villages project and a possible legacy project. After some discussion it was agreed in principle to take the proposal forward and Colin MacDonald was tasked with fleshing out the finance and speaking with University of Strathclyde.

Ed Forrest & Colin McKee suggested that they tie in with the oral history work that Kay is doing.

Action 4: Colin MacDonald to work with University of Strathclyde to develop the project extension and legacy project, taking on board the suggestion regarding the oral history project.

Alex Baird, 9CCG – The strategic plan has been launched and was well received. There are 5 themes. Theme 1 – An Active community. Theme 2 – An Entrepreneurial Community. Theme 3 –A connected Community. Theme 4 – A Net Zero Community. Theme 5 – Children and Young People. Alex will send the plan when it is live on line. Next to be completed are the governance policy, procedures and compliance. Late 2024 first lot of funding.

Ed Forrest – An opportunity arose to apply for some funding from UNESCO (through an Italian funder). GSAB have been working with CCLP partners East Ayrshire Woodlands and EADAH to submit a project "Roots in Nature" looking at local seed gathering, propagation and planting of trees. The project has now been granted funding for 3 years. About 100k euros.

Ed Turner – No progress. (Reported by e-mail)

10. Meeting Dates for the Year

13th July 2022, 12th October 2022

Summary of Actions

Action 1: Colin McKee to circulate to CCLP Board the master Plan document when it is available.
Action 2: Alex Baird to send Colin MacD contact details for Barony Wellness project.
Action 3: Kay and Colin McKee to meet up to collect cookbooks.
Action 4: Colin MacDonald to work with University of Strathclyde to develop the project extension and legacy project.