Coalfield Communities Landscape Partnership

Board Meeting 10

Minutes

Date: Date: 12th October 2022 **Time**: 2-3.30pm **Venue**: MS Teams

Attendees:

- Ed Forrest – Biosphere Co-ordinator, Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere
- Lyndsey Kinnes – Operations Manager Strathclyde and Ayrshire, NatureScot
- Jenna Cains - Delivery Group Chair (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere)
- Rae Smith - 9CCG
- Jennifer Martin – Cumnock Tryst
- Ed Turner - Forest and Land Scotland
- Cllr Drew Filson - East Ayrshire Council
- Cllr Lennox - East Ayrshire Council
- Cllr McMahon - East Ayrshire Council

Apologies:

- Dr Erick Sutherland – Interim Head of Locality and Care Services
- Anneke Freel – Chief Officer, East Ayrshire Leisure Trust
- Alex Baird - 9CCG
- Emilie Wadsworth - Green Action Trust
- Cllr Stewart– 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
- Kate Dickens - CCLP Project Officer, East Ayrshire Council

- **Welcome and Apologies**

Colin McKee requested Ed Forrest to chair the meeting (temporary appointment) as previously agreed with Colin MacDonald. Ed Forrest welcomed all, including the new CCLP Project Officer Kate Dickens and asked that each person introduce themselves.

Colin MacDonald had approached Hugh McGhee (after e-mail consultation with the Board) regarding taking on the Chair but he declined due to lack of time available. The search continues. Colin MacDonald asked the group to forward any ideas for chair.

Apologies listed as above.

- **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
  These were agreed and approved. Proposed by Cllr Lennox and seconded by Lyndsey Kinnes.

- **Actions and Matter Arising**

  From 27th April
  Action 1: Colin McKee to circulate to CCLP Board the Doon Valley Master Plan document when it is available. **Ongoing**

  From 12/10/22
  Action 1: Cllr Filson to have a meeting with Ed Turner and Paul Outram (EAC) to talk about North Kyle.
  Action 2: Colin to continue looking for a new chair

- **Project Supervisors Report**

  Colin MacDonald joined meeting late due to technical difficulties so Carolann started on the report circulated with the agenda. Colin spoke about the meeting with Fiona (NLHF mentor) on 5th October. Issues covered were the need for digital output licences for items produced by the projects, a summary of the activity on the mountain bike project and Doon valley Railway project and their linkage and progress the work in the Dalmellington Old Kirk Yard.

- **Project Updates**

  Project update was delivered by Jenna Cains as chair of the Delivery Group. The 9th Delivery Group meeting was held on the 3rd October 2022. It was an in person meeting at Dalmellington Centre. Only 4 partners attended. Looking to hold next on online to get better attendance. Jenna spoke from the mins of that meeting which had been circulated to the Board.

  Colin MacDonald updated on the Lugar Valley Walk progress. Work has started.

  Jennifer Martin (CEO) from the Cumnock Tryst gave a presentation on the work to date on the Musical Celebration project and plans for the future.

  - The festival this year was the best to date due to the community involvement through the CCLP project. The performance on 1stOctober had over 100 people attend, one person came from Hawaii! CCLP support has enabled the Tryst to expand out to the local community in a way they have always wanted to. The project also helped with the

moral support of CAMPS who have been going through a difficult period due to changes in their musical director.

- This year's performance (a taster for things to come!) involved Strings N Things – (Guitars and Ukuleles, Auchinleck) and Cumnock Area Musical Production Society (CAMPS) who worked with Findlay Napier and Ailie Robertson to produce music and words. They performed with Merchant City Brass.
- For the big performance with The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra in 2023 the Tryst will work with the following further groups: Things Tae Dae (Social group for adults with learning difficulties, Cumnock); Doon Academy (S3 music class, Dalmellington); Robert Burns Academy (S3 music class, Cumnock); Logan Primary School (P5/6 class, Logan); Netherthird Primary School (P6 class, Netherthird); The Cumnock Tryst Festival Chorus (amateur adult choir); Cumnock Youth Musical Theatre (amateur youth musical production group, Cumnock); Dalmellington Band & Brass Academy (local brass band, Dalmellington) The full project team will be:

- **Artistic Director:** Sir James MacMillan
- **Creative Consultant:** Stephen Deazley
- **Workshop leaders:** Ailie Robertson, Findlay Napier, Jenny Laahs, Patricia Panther and Stephen Deazley
- **Commissioned Composers (all from Ayrshire, writing links between community groups' music):** Gillian Walker, Michael Murray, Electra Perivolaris, Jay Capperauld

- Through the CCLP's support, the Tryst has now developed a model of good practice which will be used in the future to work with community groups

- CCLP is also supporting the Tryst's creative project in Lochnorris Primary, part of Scotland's Year of Stories. In a partnership with Crawick Multiverse, James MacMillan and early years specialist Naheed Cruikshank are looking at environmental regeneration with 90 children and how environmental change can inspire songs and instrumental music the children will write themselves.
- Tryst are developing a year round concert programme starting on 16 December 2022 with the culmination of this environmental project.

Cllr McMahon said well done to the Tryst on the work so far and looking forward to hearing the final performance. Especially pleased that they are working with Things Tae Dae who are close to his heart.

- **Finance**
  Colin MacDonald went through the table that was circulated with the agenda.

Colin explained that Colin McKee and Colin MacD have been going through an exercise to look at the spread of spending across the NLHF categories to ensure that we draw down as much funding as possible. Going to encourage partners to supply all invoices associated with the projects to help with this.

Ed Forest asked if there is underspend is there possibility to fund new projects. Colin MacDonald answered that there may be some scope for this and have started to explore the possibilities in line what was submitted to NLHF and EAC cabinet.

- **Risk Register and health and Safety**
  Colin MacDonald went through the Risk Register that was circulated with the agenda. No additions were needed.

- **AOB/ Partners updates**

  Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere – Ed Forrest updated on the 10yr celebrations held last week with a ministerial visit from Mairi McAllan MSP, Minister for the Environment and Land Reform. The work of the CCLP was highlighted. Jenna also mentioned the launch in November of a Tool kit for schools.

  Forestry and Land Scotland – Ed Turner updated on North Kyle wind farm. Ground investigation due to start in April 2023. Working on solving the issues of access to North Kyle for the public. They are looking at designs for final restoration works and planting. Work at Skares is under way. Discussion also took place about linking up gravel cycling paths from North Kyle in to Dumfries and Galloway.

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  9CCG – Rae Smith gave an update on progress on becoming a SCIO (SCI0 51980), setting up of a bank account, the employment of a Development Manager and on money committed by developers. Looking to lift the whole area at the same time. Alex Baird also sent in the following information.

  - Banks Renewable have committed £10k towards management and administration costs, however on the down side Lethans W/F expect grid connection not to occur for another 3 years, initially 2023 now 2025/6
  - North Kyle construction is forecast to commence April 2023, with commissioning April 2024, with a forecast of a 40 year life

    North Kyle are supporting the 9CCG with £3k towards Website Design and also £200k for a Development Manager Salary, administration, Governance / Policy and Procedure costs and importantly an Advanced Payment Pilot which is forecast to launch Q1 2023

The Advanced Payment Pilot, a £100k fund will be used to test the 9CCG Governance, Policies, Procedures, Monitoring and Compliance, the fund application being directed to the nine communities within the 9CCG

- The 9CCG are working closely with EAC on the Governance and have set up a workshop late October to approve a detailed plan of action on the way forward with expected completion Q4 2022
- 9CCG are now working with 12 Windfarm Developers with an expected Community Benefit over 25 years of £120m this without match funding

NatureScot – Lyndsey Kinnes updated on providing help with issues on the Ness Glen walk.

Still need a chair for the Board.

Action 2: Colin to continue looking for a new chair.

- **Meeting Dates for the Year**
  25th January 2023. Date for the next 3 meeting will be sent out before next meeting.

Summary of Actions
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