COALFIELD
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Board Meeting 17

Minutes

Date: Date: 14th August 2024 **Time**: 2-3.30pm **Venue**: MS Teams

Attendees:

- Jenna Cains - Delivery Group Chair (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere)
- Mark Smillie - Director of Corporate Services, Green Action Trust
- Ed Forrest – Biosphere Co-ordinator, Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere
- Lyndsey Kinnes – Operations Manager Strathclyde and Ayrshire, NatureScot
- Cllr McMahon - East Ayrshire Council
- Alex Baird - 9CCG
- Pauline Grandison – Coalfield Regeneration Trust
- Ed Turner - Forest and Land Scotland
- Rae Smith - 9CCG
- Aly Conquer – New Chair
- Jim Murdoch – Policy and Planning, East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership

Apologies:

- Anneke Freel – Chief Officer, East Ayrshire Leisure
- Cllr Stewart– East Ayrshire Council
- Stephen McCarron - 9CCG Chief Operating Officer
- Cllr Drew Filson - East Ayrshire Council

Officers in Attendance:

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

Item 1: Welcome and Apologies

Aly Conquer welcomed every one.

Apologies listed as above.

Colin MacDonald congratulated Cllr Stewart on her election as an MP.

Colin MacDonald said that Kate was leaving CCLP on the 3rd of September to go to North Ayrshire Council and thanked her for her time at CCLP.

Item 2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were agreed and approved. Proposed by Ally and seconded by Ed Forrest

Item 3 – Actions and Matter Arising

From 24 April 24
Action 1: Colin to circulate the mins from the last delivery group meeting. **closed**
Action 2: Colin MacDonald to chase up ARA on the road signs for Ochiltree. – Jenna updated that there was a new contact at Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA). Small Biosphere signs were in production and large ones will produced an put in place as and when villages signs need renewed. **Ongoing**
Action 3: CCLP team to continue to investigate best way to get work on Lugar Walk complete. Kate update that we are looking at sending out letters to landowners to say that we will be carrying out repairs as part of our statutory duty to maintain rights of ways. **Ongoing**

Alex Baird asked when the repairs to the path between Ochiltree and Dumfries House will start. Kate reported that contractor was on site and work should be complete by end of August 2025.

Item 4: Project Supervisors Report

Colin MacDonald presented the report as sent out with the agenda.

Kate thanked Lyndsey Kinnes for attending (on behalf of the Board) the Lost Villages exhibition opening at the National Mining Museum.

Action 1: Colin to send out case study on the health and wellbeing event that was held at Cumnock Juniors.

The next health and wellbeing event is on the 18th of September at the Boswell Centre in Auchinleck and is in partnership with Auchinleck Community Development Initiative (ACDI).

Item 5: Project Updates – Delivery Group

Project update was delivered by Jenna Cains as chair of the Delivery Group. The 16th Delivery Group meeting was held on 17th July. Jenna spoke from the minutes of that meeting, which had been circulated with the agenda.

Colin McKee updated on the Modern Apprentices. 4 will be recruited this year and the will be 2 year apprenticeships. The first year will be fully paid by CCLP and the second by the Jobs and Training service. A positive legacy of the CCLP.

Item 6: Finance

Colin MacDonald went through the finance summary table that was circulated with the agenda.
It was agreed that a monthly update to the Board on spend and claims to NLHF should be circulated.

Action 2: Project Supervisor to compile and send out.

Item 7: Risk Register and health and Safety

Colin MacDonald went through the Risk Register and Post Delivery Risk Register that was circulated with the agenda.

Item 8: AOB/ Partners updates

Ed Turner outlined progress on the North Kyle Master Plan with regards to the North Kyle Wind farm. Access routes are being improved and restoration of a new area of opencast is under way and Benbaiu (?). A new Public access road will be installed at Skares/Netherton as a gateway in to the North Kyle. The North Kyle Management Plan will outline the felling and re stocking of trees in the area. Phase 1 of planting at Netherton/Skares is gioing to Scot Gov for approval and East Ayrshire Woodlands will help plant. A good community consultation event was held in Ochiltree.

Cllr McMahon asked what was being used in the restoration of land as he was getting complaints of sewage sludge being used in other areas. Ed assured him that it was not raw sewage being used but mixed organics with waste material from SPEN activity in the area.

Lyndsey Kinnes Echoed what Kate had said about the Lost Village's exhibition at the NMM and that is was a great exhibition.

Ed Forrest said that the GSAB was working with the designated Reporter (NatureScot) on the proposed new Galloway National Park. Encouraged people to take part in the consultation process. The Park will cover Loch Doon and Dalmellington.

Item 9: Meeting Dates for the Year

23rd October 2024 2-3.20pm