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Board Meeting 20

Minutes

Date: Date: 23rd April 2025 **Time**: 2-3.30pm **Venue**: MS Teams

Attendees:

- Lyndsey Kinnes – Operations Manager Strathclyde and Ayrshire, NatureScot
- Rae Smith - 9CCG
- Cllr Lennox - East Ayrshire Council
- Ed Forrest – Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere
- Cllr Kyle - East Ayrshire Council
- Mark Smillie - Director of Corporate Services, Green Action Trust
- Lyndy Renwick - FLS

Apologies:

- Jenna Cains - Delivery Group Chair (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere)
- Alex Baird - 9CCG
- Aly Conquer – New Chair Brian
- Walknington - CCLP Project Officer, East Ayrshire Council
- Jim Murdoch – HASCP
- Ed Turner – FLS

Officers in Attendance:

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

Item 1: Welcome and Apologies

Aly Conquer could not get cover for her class so could not make the meeting. Colin McKee took the chair.

Apologies listed as above.

Item 2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Item 3 – Actions and Matter Arising

From 22 January 2025

Action 1: Colin MacD to send out calendar invites for next 2 Board meetings. (complete)

Action 2: Colin to send out the mins for the delivery Group. (Complete)

Action 3: Finalise amended cash flow and send out to Board members. (Complete)

Action 4: Put up arrow on Finance F4 and down arrow on Legal L2. (Complete)

Action 5: Colin MacD to add new risk F6 to risk register with regard to reputational risk. (Complete)

Item 4: Project Supervisors Report

Colin MacDonald presented the report on project progress as sent out. The Project Supervisors report had not been sent out with agenda.

Action 1: Colin MacD to send out April 2025 Supervisors Report.

Item 5: Project Updates – Delivery Group

Jenna Cains as chair of the Delivery Group was not present. Colin MacD updated on progress of projects. The 19th Delivery Group meeting was held on 16th April 2025.

Action 2: Colin to send out the mins for the delivery Group meeting of 16th April 2025.

Colin McKee - East Ayrshire woodlands have been working with Peter at EADAH with tree planting in Patna.

Asked for any specific feedback from Board. None.

Item 6: Finance

Colin MacDonald did a presentation on projected spend and under spend.
Total projected spend to Dember 2025 is **£258,817.** The predicted draw down of NLHF grant is **£2,126,600**, which is £93,900 less than what was awarded (£2,220,500).

Ed Forest asked if it was worth putting out a call for projects that are ready to go that only need a bit of funding. Colin and Colin will look at this but NLHF are not keen on new projects when the approved ones may need more help.

Mark Smillie asked what the scope of getting the intervention rate increased. Colin MacD said that NLHF have already bene asked and they will not increase it.

Action 3: Colin MacD on send out presentation on underspend.

Item 7: Risk Register and health and Safety

Colin MacDonald went through the Risk Register. No additions.

Item 8: AOB/ Partners updates

Legacy group – Colin MacDonald not met again but will do when more legacy questionnaires are returned. Work on digital time capsule is under way and Colin MacD will ask the consultant to get in touch with Board members.

Rae 9CCG – Penclo legal agreement signed. More MoUs with developers signed. They will be receiving at 1/3rd of the community benefit money form Benbrack wind farm.

Lyndy FLS – Brockwel's feasibility study on outdoor activity centre in North Kyle nearly complete. Piped water and electricity will be put in to the Coyle Water area. The Dantagert road in to North Kyle is nearly completed.

Lyndsey – NatureScot. No update

Item 9: Meeting Dates for the Year

23rd July 2025 and October 2025