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Board Meeting 21

Minutes

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

Attendees:

- Cllr Lennox - East Ayrshire Council
- Cllr Kyle - East Ayrshire Council
- Mark Smillie - Director of Corporate Services, Green Action Trust
- Aly Conquer – Chair
- Stephen McCarron - 9CCG

Apologies:

- Jenna Cains - Delivery Group Chair (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere)
- Lyndsey Kinnes – Operations Manager Strathclyde and Ayrshire, NatureScot
- Ed Forrest – Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere
- Colin McKee – Heritage Projects Co-ordinator, East Ayrshire Council
- Cllr McMahon
- Ed Turner – FLS
- Lyndy Renwick - FLS

Officers in Attendance:

- Brian Walknington - CCLP Project Officer, East Ayrshire Council
- Colin MacDonald – CCLP Project Supervisor, East Ayrshire Council

Item 1: Welcome and Apologies

Aly welcomed everyone. Apologies listed as above.

Item 2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were agreed and approved. Proposed by Cllr Lennox and seconded by Cllr Kyle.

Item 3 – Actions and Matter Arising

From 23rd April 2025

Action 1: Colin MacD to send out April 2025 Supervisors Report. **(Complete)**

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

Action 3: Colin MacD To send out presentation on underspend. (**Complete)**

Item 4: Project Supervisors Report

Colin MacDonald presented the report on project progress as sent out. No questions were raised.

Item 5: Project Updates – Delivery Group

Jenna Cains as chair of the Delivery Group was not present. Colin MacD updated on progress of projects. Mins from Delivery Group meeting on 16th of July 2025 were also circulated.

Action 1: Colin MacD to send out link to free online version of the Lost Villages book Memory, Mining and Heritage: Voices from East Ayrshire.

Stephen McCarron as what the timeline for work on the Lugar walk was. Colin answered that the tender will be issue in week beginning 21st July with work to complete by end of September.

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 June 2025 was £4,221,780 (cash and non cash). Total predicted spend July to Dember 2025 is £1,216,668 so total predicted spend £5,438,448. That leads to a predicted to total underspend of £975,838.

The predicted draw down of NLHF grant is £1,863,918, which is £356,582 less than what was awarded (£2,220,500).

Item 7: Risk Register and health and Safety

Colin MacDonald went through the Risk Register. No additions.

Item 8: AOB/ Partners updates

Colin MacDonald reminded members to complete the legacy questionnaire as it will form an important part of the evaluation process and the Legacy Plan. Draft legacy plan will be sent out when it has been amended after our NLHF mentor makes comments.

Save the date end of CCLP celebration event 2nd October 2025 3-5pm at Dumfries Arms Hotel in Cumnock. Colin will send out further information.

Stephen McCarron 9CCG – Completing final phase of the strategic review of project to fund in the future. Looking at 3 areas to invest in. Final strategy will be launched on 20th January 2026 at Dumfries Arms Hotel in Cumnock. So save the date. Round 3 of awards to the members will be launched soon. They also have a legal agreement with a windfarm developer who is working in D&G and who have decided to give the 9CCG £3.5m in community benefit.

Item 9: Meeting Dates for the Year

TBC November 2025