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Delivery Group

Meeting 7 Minutes

Date: 20th April 2022 **Time**: 10-11.30am **Venue**: MS Teams

Attendees:

Colin MacDonald (CCLP Project Supervisor	Yvonne McFadden (University of Strathclyde)
Jenna Cains (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere) Chair	Gillian Barrie (Green Action Trust)
Carolann McPhillimy (CCLP Project Officer)	Colin McKee (Heritage Projects Coordinator, East Ayrshire Council),
Becca Barclay (Archaeology Scotland)	Laura Curtis-Moss (Coalfield Environment Initiative)
Isabel Campbell (Lugar Parish Church)	Rufus Sullivan (The Cumnock Tryst)
Cynthia Bahi (CCLP Project Officer)	Peter Livingstone (EADHA)
Marion Wyle (Lugar Parish Church)	Bruce Davidson (East Ayrshire Woodlands)
Taylor Ellison-Quinn (Coalfield Regeneration Tryst)	

Apologies:

Anneke Freel (East Ayrshire Leisure), Thomas Clancy (University of Glasgow), Gordon Thomson and Archie Thom (Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group – Doon Valley Railway), Jennifer Martin (The Cumnock Tryst), Emily Hay (Coalfield Environment Initiative), , Kay McMeekin (Cumnock History Group), Adrienne McGeechan (Sector Development Officer (tourism and food and drink), East Ayrshire Council), Simon Taylor (University of Glasgow) ,Lyndy Renwick (Forest and Land Scotland), Jamie Campbell (Netherthird Community Action Training), Rosie Strachan (The Conservation Volunteers), Arthur McIvor (University of Strathclyde), Elaine Stewart (Coalfield Regeneration Trust),

1. Welcome and Apologies

   Jenna Cains (Chair) welcomed everyone and put in apologies as listed above.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

   Minutes from meeting of 11 Jan 2022 were distributed and they was no amends. Cynthia proposed and Bruce seconded.

3. Actions and Matter Arising

From 11th Jan

Action 1: Jenna to contact Arthur regarding working together **Complete.** Jenna spoke to Lyndy instead on the same subject.

Action 2: Peter to link up with Bruce to get MAs to set up poly tunnels. **Ongoing**

Action 3: Link to healthy rivers project for river bank planting. Peter to speak to Laura **Ongoing**

Action 4: Possibility to do some planting on river Nith. Rebecca to pass on her husbands, who works at SEPA, details to look at possibility**. Complete. Possibility of further work**

Action 5: Sub Groups - Cynthia to send out invite for legacy group at end of Jan 2022. **Ongoing**

Action 6: Sub Groups - Carolann to send out dates for meetings this year. **Ongoing**

4. Feedback from Board meeting of 19th Jan 2022

Board pleased with progress so far and looking forward to hearing from projects.

5. Project Supervisors Report

Colin MacDonald went through the report as per report sent out with agenda.

6. Project Updates

Modern Apprentices – Bruce. 3 completed and found employment with tree surgeons. New MAs will be recruited in May.

Attainment through Archaeology – Becca. 5 week programme run with P4-5 in Auchinleck Primary looking at heritage carers and working on discovery of the old curling pond. Taster session was run with P6-7 Dalmaellington Primary and the did some study on the Mott, access, signage etc. 1 session to be run with Patna primary. Coli McKee asked for a case study on the Mott excursion.

School were valuing outdoor learning as part of Covid recovery.

Action 1: Becca to write a case study on the session on Dalmaellington Mott.

Coalfields to Wildwoods – Peter. Seed sowing going well and some saplings are now ready to plant in to cells. Polly tunnel vandalised at the ZONE but no plants were harmed. Planting seed bombs on Little Mill bing site. Possibilities for future work with Dumfries Estates.

Lugar Parish Church – Isabel and Marion. Back in the church building now. New café nearly set up. New floor in café and toilet still to be laid. Open day for locals planned in June. Good day with the lost villages project in March collecting oral histories and stories. Reusing some of the pews. Looking for display cabinets.

Tower Street Pocket Park – Gillian. There was a delay due to issue around the type of brick to be used. Issue now sorted and the contractor is ready to start work. Jenna said the community garden in Girvan would be good to look at.

Connecting Communities – Taylor. The RBS building is secured ,the Easter egg event at Hannahston in Drongan , Patna Community , Loch Doon Extravaganza had over 200+ participants .

Lugar were successful with CRT funding over £4k for new tables and chairs , Tayler is working with the group to get the official opening events and also a large event with all the key groups in the area .

The Dolly Parton imagination library is happening in Patna and Dalrymple nursery schools the children get a book from the age of 0-5 every month.

CEI Peatlands/Pollinators/Healthy Rivers – Laura. Busy getting funding for next year. Tender for next peatland restoration to be issued with work looking to start in the Autumn. Still to find £2k for the Healthy Rivers project. Training for volunteers to be booked in.

Lost Villages – Yvonne. Great event at Lugar. Looking to replicate the model elsewhere. Have a Year of Stories application in. 3 student placements to help out with newspaper research, research on William Murdoch and help with event at Lugar. Looking to work with Rab Wilson and Sean Grey to compose songs from the interview material. 6 new people trained in oral history and 17 interviews done. Successful trips to the archives and discovered good material and interviews. Cllr Filson organised a session with ex miners in Dalmaellington which went well.

Musical Celebration of the Coalfields – Rufus. Sessions underway with CAMPS and Guitars and Strings to compose music for the Tryst on 1st October 2022.

Sense of Place – Jenna. Doing lots of work in Ochiltree. Having the Branching Out bus (with EALT) to do plating sessions. Plus open to lots of ideas. Have a meeting planned with Rankinston and with Netherthird. 6 short films being made for the Biosphere for promotion and Ochiltree will be one of them. 2 Biosphere development roles to be advertised soon.

Action 2: Jenna to talk to Rufus regarding Biosphere music.
Action 3: Jenna to link Peter up with the Branching Out Bus event.

7. <u>Finance</u>

Claims to CCLP – No issues to report and there were no questions.

8. Risk Register and Health and Safety

   Risk register was circulated with the agenda and there were no comment or changes suggested.

9. Sub Groups

   Cynthia working on Green Mapping to help capture information as part of legacy. Working on archive and collection catalogues for Lugar and Cumnock History Group.

   Action 4: Cynthia to send out invite for legacy group.

10. AOB/ Partners updates

    Colin McKee – Doon Valley Master Plan draft due in May.

11. Meeting Dates for the Year

    5th July 2022 10am-12pm

    3rd Oct 2022 10am-12pm

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