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Meeting 8 Minutes

Date: 5th July 2022 **Time**: 10-11.30am **Venue**: Ochiltree Hub

Attendees:

Colin MacDonald (CCLP Project Supervisor	
Jenna Cains (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere) Chair	
Carolann McPhillimy (CCLP Project Officer)	
Becca Barclay (Archaeology Scotland)	
Colin McKee (Heritage Projects Coordinator, East Ayrshire Council),	
Rufus Sullivan (The Cumnock Tryst)	

Apologies:

Peter Livingstone (EADHA)	Isabel Campbell (Lugar Parish Church)	Emily Hay (Coalfield Environment Initiative)
Bruce Davidson (East Ayrshire Woodlands)	Taylor Ellison-Quinn (Coalfield Regeneration Tryst)	Kay McMeekin (Cumnock History Group)
Laura Curtis-Moss (Coalfield Environment Initiative)	Anneke Freel (East Ayrshire Leisure)	Adrienne McGeechan (Sector Development Officer (tourism and food and drink) East Ayrshire Council)
Gillian Barrie (Green Action Trust)	Thomas Clancy (University of Glasgow)	Simon Taylor (University of Glasgow)
Yvonne McFadden (University of Strathclyde)	Gordon Thomson and Archie Thom (Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group – Doon Valley Railway),	Lyndy Renwick (Forest and Land Scotland),
Marion Wyle (Lugar Parish Church),	Jennifer Martin (The Cumnock Tryst)	Jamie Campbell (Netherthird Community Action Training)
Rosie Strachan (The Conservation Volunteers)	Arthur McIvor (University of Strathclyde)	Elaine Stewart (Coalfield Regeneration Trust)

1. <u>Welcome and Apologies</u>

Jenna Cains (Chair) welcomed everyone and put in apologies as listed above. Thanked Cynthia for all her work and wished her all the best in her new job.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

   Minutes from meeting of 20th April 2022 were distributed and they was no amends. Rufus proposed and Carolann seconded.

3. Actions and Matter Arising

   From 20th April meeting 7

   Action 1: Becca to write a case study on the session on Dalmellington Mott. **To be Done**

   Action 2: Jenna to talk to Rufus regarding Biosphere music. **Complete**

   Action 3: Jenna to link Peter up with the Branching Out Bus event. **Complete. Some issues with buses which will be taken up.**

   Action 4: Cynthia to send out invite for legacy group. Dropped. **Relooking at group.**

4. Feedback from Board meeting of 27th April 2022

   Board pleased with progress so far and looking forward to hearing from projects. No particular issues.

5. Project Supervisors Report

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

6. Project Updates

Modern Apprentices – Bruce. (Sent in by e-mail). I would confirm as an update that we have eventually recruited our next intake of apprentices. 3no. started on 20th June and a 4th will start on 4th July.

Olim Kerr	Cumnock
Dylan Hewitson	Cumnock/Skares
Paddy Dunlop	Ochiltree
Stephen MacPherson	Logan

Their vocational training programme has been confirmed and programmed over the next 6 months. Their MA dates at Barony Campus, Dumfries are yet to be fully confirmed but certainly the first will be the week of 22nd -26th August.

Currently working on vegetation management on all woodland/footpath sites in East Ayrshire that EAW takes responsibility for.

Bellsbank, Dalmellington, Patna, Drongan, Skares, Cumnock Netherthird, Muirkirk, Sorn,, Ochiltree, etc. etc.

Attainment through Archaeology – Becca. Final session with Patna Primary was delivered, a one day skills session. Went very well.

3 schools signed up for next sessions after summer, one left hopefully Doon Academy.

Action 1: Rufus to give Becca contact details for music teacher in Doon Academy.

Looking to do a graveyard project in Dalmellington.
Need a meeting with CCLP to look at spending.

Action 2: Colin and Becca to arrange a date to meet re project spend.

Lost Villages – Yvonne and Arthur. (by e-mail) Progress with research and interviewing has continued to be good since the last report. Amongst the highlights have been:

1. Site visit to Darnconner and Commondyke (30th May). See Yvonne's blog written on this on the 'Lost Villages' website.[i]

2. Production of a draft document making the case for a project extension for six months (Mar-Sept 2023) to account for the Covid disruption and for project 'legacy' (as requested), including continued SOHC support and the appointment of a community oral historian for EA on a part-time (two days a week) for a 'trial' period of 2-3 years. This has support in principle with the CCLP. Colin has taken this to the NHLF and the document will be revised and resubmitted over the summer.

3. The first round of three student placements were very successful. This support has been followed by the recent appointment of a SOHC RA (funded internally), part-time who will work two days a week for four months starting 1 August spending roughly half their time on our CCLP project. This equates to around £3k of additional resource for the project. The RA will attend and support all the events noted below.

4. Yvonne's application for additional funding under the Scottish Museums 'Year of Stories' funding initiative was successful. It will fund a series of events where we screen extracts from documentary films (housed in the Scottish Screen Archive) on Ayrshire 'lost' mining communities and invite discussion. The events will also feature 'memory booths' where we record short interviews collecting stories from within mining communities from those in attendance (and hopefully recruit well for full-scale subsequent interviews). Events are provisionally scheduled as follows:
   20th August - Boswell Centre, Auchinleck (waiting confirmation)
   17th September - Muirkirk Community Rooms (confirmed)
   8th October - Dalmellington Community Centre (confirmed)
   15th October - Lugar Parish Church (waiting confirmation)
   We haven't announced these dates yet, but once we do we are hoping the CCLP team and colleagues can publicise these events as widely as possible. Thanks!

5. Unfortunately due to Covid we had to cancel our site visit to Glenbuck on 20 June. This will be rescheduled as soon as is practicable.

Musical Celebration of the Coalfields – Rufus. 3 community groups have now completed their musical pieces. BBC Scottish Orchestra to play at the performances at the Tryst end Sept/beginning Oct). 7 groups confirmed for Oct 22-June 2023.

Sense of Place – Jenna. Doing lots of work in Ochiltree. Carbon literacy training taken place Taking part in a coding project at school in Ochiltree. Looking at producing a Lugar walk leaflet. Have a biodiversity afternoon on 7th August.

In talks with New Cumnock DT. Looking to establish a SGG trail in the area.

Action 3: Follow up with ARA regarding road signs.

Connecting Communities – Carolann updated us on two events that Elaine and Tayler are organising.
9th of August at Netherthird Community Gardens- This will be a fun day for children similar to what was organised at Loch Doon last year. We are anticipating 200 children. If any partners would like to delivery an activity around Heritage and Landscape please contact either Tayler or Carolann.
16th of August at Ochiltree Hub a networking event for the 9CCG'S, Development Trusts and local anchor groups. The topic will be Social and Community Enterprise. They are hoping for 4 presentations from key organisation to inspire and support any projects planned by the groups.

7. Finance

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. Colin McKee suggesting changing Legal L2 to amber with regards to delays to work due to delays in consents being signed.

Action 4: Colin to amend L2 on RR to orange.

9. Sub Groups

Finance sub group no longer needed as Carolann is working with individual groups.
Legacy group to be revamped now that Cynthia has left.
Advisory group - no activity needed at the moment

10. AOB/ Partners updates

Colin mentioned the podcast that he did for the Walk it Bike it Ayrshire podcast. Walk It Bike It Ayrshire on Apple Podcasts

11. Meeting Dates for the Year

3rd Oct 2022 10am-12pm

Summary of Actions
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Outstanding Actions
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[i] https://www.thelostvillages.co.uk