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Delivery Group

Meeting 9 Minutes

Date: 3rd October2022 **Time**: 10-11.30am **Venue**: Dalmellington Community Centre

Attendees:

Colin MacDonald (CCLP Project Supervisor	
Jenna Cains (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere) Chair	
Colin McKee (Heritage Projects Coordinator, East Ayrshire Council),	
Jamie Campbell (Netherthird Community Action Training)	
Kay McMeekin (Cumnock History Group)	
Linda McFadzean (Green Infrastructure Officer, East Ayrshire Leisure Trust)	

Apologies:

Peter Livingstone (EADHA)	Isabel Campbell (Lugar Parish Church)	Emily Hay (Coalfield Environment Initiative)
Bruce Davidson (East Ayrshire Woodlands)	Kate Dickens (CCLP Project Officer)	Rufus Sullivan (The Cumnock Tryst)
Laura Curtis-Moss (Coalfield Environment Initiative)	Becca Barclay (Archaeology Scotland)	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 Wylie (Lugar Parish Church),	Jennifer Martin (The Cumnock Tryst)	Carolann McPhillimy (CCLP Project Officer)
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. Welcomed Kate to the CCLP. Also welcomed Linda McFadzean to the group. She will be managing the Lugar and Doon Valley paths.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from meeting of 5th July 2022 were distributed and they was no amends. Jenna Cains proposed and Colin McKee seconded.

3. Actions and Matter Arising

From July meeting

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

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

Action 3: Follow up with ARA regarding (Biosphere) road signs. **Ongoing**

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

4. Feedback from Board meeting of 13th July 2022

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). Some issues regarding trainees disciple that are being dealt with. They continue to undertake accredited training courses that have been scheduled. Completed courses are First Aid at Work, strimmer/brushcutter, pedestrian mowers, Mechanical wood chipper. Pesticides has also been complete.

Attainment through Archaeology – Becca. (by e-mail) Next 5 week programme starts on Thursday the 6th of October. interested to hear more about your meeting with Caroline Knox and the Boswell trust about the Auchinleck kirkyard

Action 1: Colin MacDonald to send Becca contact details for Boswell Trust.

Lost Villages – Yvonne and Arthur. (by e-mail) We are running Year of Stories events:

Saturday 8th October, Dalmellington Community Centre,
Monday 17th October Logan Parish Church
Saturday 29th October Muirkirk Community Rooms.

The events include an archive film screening with oral history narration, a memory booth & memory board, photos & maps with food & tea/coffee and some colouring & Lego activities for the kids. At Dalmellington, we have local song writer, Seán Gray performing live.

We were also delighted to receive support for a 6 month project extension. This will mitigated some of the time lost to the covid-19 pandemic.

In addition, we have secured an extra £5k from Strathclyde University to organise Legacy Storytelling events in summer 2023.

Musical Celebration of the Coalfields – Colin MacDonald updated. Very successful performance at the Cumnock Tryst festival on the 1st of October of the taster for the Musical celebration of the Coalfields. Over 100 people attended. Videos can be seen on the CCLP Facebook page. It was also publicised on BBC Reporting Scotland and on STV as well as a 5 min radio interview (Colin MacDonald spoke) on Good Morning Scotland on 1st October.

Sense of Place – Jenna. Making good links with other projects. Successful biodiversity day with EALT in August. Date in Nov to have a meeting with Auchinleck Community Council regarding Sense of Place. There is a new group formed in Ochiltree who are focusing on heritage and they will work with Dane Love and others on projects. 2 workshops will be held with New Cumnock DT on Sense of Place. 2 interpretation boards to go up at Round House on Loch Doon.

Ploughing up our Past – Kay. Exhibition in the Baird ended on 27 Aug. Had 720 visitors in 4 months. Part of exhibition is on display in Ayrshire Food Hub Crossroads café including the slideshow on a large TV. They also sell the Cumnock cookbooks.

Did a couple of fun days in July. At Netherthird Community Garden butter-making over 30 kids and at the Baird doing butter-making and crafts about 20 kids

All the research is being added to our main website. Industry farming menu

Worked with Place names project on their walk

Attended Lost villages day in Auchinleck 20th August.

In touch with Lugar Parish Church

Going to do another interview soon and will continue to add as we find out more.

The book (28,00 words, 110 photos) is at proof reading stage and going to Dane Love for publishing in a couple of weeks. Hope to get it ready before Christmas. Plan to cap price at £20 and subsidise any excess. CCLP may be able to help with that? Not sure how big a print run to do. There has been a lot of interest but will that translate into sales. Online shop and hopefully Ayrshire hub and some local shops will take them. Need a launch

Kay to talk to Kilmarnock History Society in Thursday 26 January

Hedge row Habitats – Jamie. 9th August had a good fun day with over 200 kids onsite during the day. Other opening during the summer were funded by Awards for All.

Planning Halloween and Santa grotto events. Work has already started on next summer events programme. Secured 3 years funding from Robertson's Trust for development worker. More hedge whips sourced for planting. Secured funding from east Ayrshire Council for volunteers to start as trainees. Looking for funding for 16-24 year olds.

Doon Valley Railway - Colin MacDonald updated. Very successful summer events. Still issues with land. Having a Halloween themed train ride day on 30th October. Booking essential. Planning Santa rides over Christmas.

Lugar Walk - Colin MacDonald updated. Work now underway on the footpaths. Due to complete early in 2023.

Place Names – Prof Thomas Clancy (by e-mail). We had a very successful walk during Ayrshire Walking Festival (10 September). In Auchinleck. The link to the walk handout is here: https://ayr-placenames.glasgow.ac.uk/auchinleck-place-name-walk-from-highhouse/

I had intended to do a brief blog about the walk, and still hope to as soon as I get a proper chance. We had a dozen people on the walk, beside Simon and myself, and glorious weather. It was a proper knowledge exchange event--we learned a lot from the people who came--local names for places, traditions, what the landscape we were walking through looked like when they were younger etc. It was a great event, and I am keen to see what can be done about further walks. We had some good discussions with some of the participants about potential other walks.

We have two parishes of the database that will underlie the online resource pretty much done (Old Cumnock and Auchinleck), and our systems developer has been working on the public interface. We are exploring ways on which we could potentially launch the resource before the whole database is done. As we've said before, we really underestimated the scale of the work coming into the project, but would like to make sure that most of the CCLP area is represented in the resource.

We have been helped in making progress by Glasgow University allowing some funds to be used to employ someone to input data for us--Dr Carly McNamara--and we are very grateful for her help.

Tower Street Pocket Park – Colin MacDonald updated. Park completed and official opening will be on 28th October 4-6pm. There will be a Halloween theme so come dressed up!

7. Finance

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

8. Risk Register and Health and Safety

   Risk Register circulated with papers. No amends.

9. AOB/ Partners updates

Colin McKee – Dark Skies Observatory. EAC are funding a study to look at the feasibility of building and running the DSO on the current site. Should have report by end of the year.

Colin McKee - mentioned the new recycling requirements that are coming in and this could be a possible opportunity for projects.

10. Meeting Dates for the Year

To be fixed after next Board meeting. For a Wednesday or Thursday.

Summary of Actions

Action 1: Colin MacDonald to send Becca contact details for Boswell Trust.