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Delivery Group

Meeting 10 Minutes

Date: 19 January 2023 **Time**: 2-2.30pm **Venue**: MS Teams

Attendees:

Colin MacDonald (CCLP Project Supervisor	Lyndy Renwick (Forest and Land Scotland),
Jenna Cains (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere) Chair	Yvonne McFadden (University of Strathclyde)
Peter Livingstone (EADHA)	Carolann McPhillimy (CCLP Project Officer)
Bruce Davidson (East Ayrshire Woodlands)	Laura Salvage (The Conservation Volunteers)
Matt Cross (Coalfield Environment Initiative)	Thomas Clancy (University of Glasgow)
Kate Dickens (CCLP Project Officer)	Jamie Campbell (Netherthird Community Action Training)
Rufus Sullivan (The Cumnock Tryst)	Colin McKee (Heritage Projects Coordinator, East Ayrshire Council),
Becca Barclay (Archaeology Scotland)	Gillian Barrie (Green Action Trust)
Adrienne McGeechan (Sector Development Officer (tourism and food and drink) East Ayrshire Council)	

Apologies:

Kay McMeekin (Cumnock History Group)	Isabel Campbell (Lugar Parish Church)	Emily Hay (Coalfield Environment Initiative)
Linda McFadzean (Green Infrastructure Officer, East Ayrshire Leisure Trust)	Simon Taylor (University of Glasgow)	Gordon Thomson and Archie Thom (Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group – Doon Valley Railway),
Marion Wylie (Lugar Parish Church),	Jennifer Martin (The Cumnock Tryst)	Elaine Stewart (Coalfield Regeneration Trust)
Arthur McIvor (University of Strathclyde)		

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

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

2. <u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>

Minutes from meeting of 3rd October 2022 were distributed and they was no amends. Jenna Cains proposed and Carolann McPhillimy seconded.

3. Actions and Matter Arising
From meeting 9

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

4. Feedback from Board meeting of 15th October 2022

No particular issues. They are pleased with progress and the way partners are working together.

5. Project Supervisors Report
Colin MacDonald went through the report as per report sent out with agenda.

6. Project Updates

North Kyle Land Management Plan (and North Kyle Master Plan) – Lyndy. Some tree planning took place last year. 2023 will be looking at the NKLMP in details. Discussions with the wind farm developer are ongoing which will have an impact on the LMP.

Modern Apprentices – Bruce. 4 in post and are successfully progressing through the modules. Working all over the area. East Ayrshire Woodlands also have 2 other MAs as well. Link with Lindy (FLS) to help with tree/scrub clearance at Skares.

Tower Street Pocket Park – Gillian. Green Action Trust project managed on behalf of Cumnock Action Plan. Park now complete and handed over to CAP. The 0pening was on 28th October and went very well with CAMPS performing their song from the Musical Celebrations project. Please do look at using the space. There is a large storage container, covered area and notice board. GAT ae also working with CAP on stage 2 of the memory garden in Cumnock, which is in the design stage. Possible further linkages with CEI and East Ayrshire Woodlands to help with work.

Musical Celebration of the Coalfields – Rufus. 4 groups now complete 6 more to work with. Plans underway for 2 performances in October 2023 festival with the BBC SCO where all 10 groups will perform. In Dec 22 Compose the Environment (Year of Stories funded) with Loch Norris Primary school went very well. It was recorded and will be put online in the future.

Place Names – Prof Thomas Clancy. Much delayed in outputs. Database taking longer than expected 1 parish complete, 2 nearly complete and 2 further behind. Looking at further help internally to get the database complete by the spring.

School Green Gym – Laura Salvage. After a long delay (due to staff illness) work has restarted in 4 schools (2 further schools needed). Kate is helping them look for schools.

Hedge row Habitats – Jamie. Community wide litter pick has been carried out. More fruit trees/shrubs and hedge rows have been planted in the community garden. Working with the new school to set up sessions when it opens in the spring.

Coalfields to Wildwoods – Peter. Working with Ayrshire Collage at Craigingillan est to extend tree nursery. More funding form Booking.com for tree planting. Good contact with SEPA regarding work on the river Nith. Possible tree planting in Ochiltree.

ACTION 1. Work with Bruce to get the poly-tunnels erected at Little Mill and Rankinston PS.

Peatlands/Pollinators/Healthy Rivers – Matt. Peatland work started on site on 18th January. Should be complete in the next month. Emily working with recovery group in Dalmellington plus local schools on plug plants to be planet out when ready. Launch of Healthy Rivers project on 27th January at the ZONE. Looking for further sites to kick sample.

ACTION 2. Conversation with Bruce about tree removal onsite of peatland works.

ACTION 3. Possible work with Peter on the Nith. Scope for environmental education to be discussed with Matt.

Action 4. Possible involvement of volunteers on tree/scrub removal. To work with Matt on this.

Lost Villages – Yvonne. The 5 Year of Stories events went very well. 4 in person and 1 online. 160 people engaged. 2 new students on board to help with website development. Planning story telling workshops in the spring working with recovery groups in the area. Now starting to plan the book.

Adrienne – Link to community wealth builders at EAC.

Attainment through Archaeology – Becca. 5 week course with supported learning at Robert Burns Academy completed. A short video was made which will be available shortly. Next session will be with 2 classes at Loch Norris and looking at Bellsbank School after Easter. A taster session will be held in Drongan on 16th Feb 2023.

ACTION 5. Need a contact for Bellsbank School. Possibly from LOST team. Kate to assist.

Doon Valley Mountain Bike – Elaine by e-mail. Feasibility study for inclusive cycling ongoing. An online survey has been ongoing from before Christmas with over 160 replies and 87% in favour. Still need more under 18s to fill in so will be working with local schools. Asset transfer papers with chairperson. DPDT meeting monthly to push this forward.
Have joined school of social entrepreneurs with a grant of 2k and support with paperwork.
Website will be sorted over the next two months.

Sense of Place – Jenna. Had a meeting with Cap and Auchinleck Community Council about Sense of Place, still waiting to hear back. Also looking at arranging a workshop with the New Cumnock Development Trust. Looking at a new approach to engage people. Having events with SoP activity built in. Looking for venues. Lugar walk flyer for Ochiltree ready to go as soon as the work on the path is complete.

10 year anniversary of the Biosphere, look out for activity.

Ploughing up our Past – Kay by e-mail. Oral History Interviews.1 further interview has been done by Ailsa with Jim Smith, of Skerrington Mill, making a total of 15 people interviewed. It will be added to the main CHG website soon. 3 of the interviewees have sadly died since their recording.

Discussing moving the exhibition to Cumnock Heritage Centre. Lack of wall space may be a stumbling block.

PUOP book. 300 printed. £15 each. 110 sold since beginning of December. 7 of the PUOP books to be donated to East Ayrshire libraries.

Book Launch at Dumfries Arms Hotel on Friday 3 Feb. **All invited.**

Appreciations of the book:

Thanks for sending the 2 books I ordered. Thoroughly enjoying reading the history of farming in this area.
Well done on producing such a wonderful book. A huge amount of work involved.
Isabell Montgomerie

I've really enjoyed reading through the book and congratulations to CHG.

Kind regards, Bobby Guthrie

My husband really enjoyed your book about Cumnock & see Russell McNab our friend has contributed. Anne Cowgill

Ayrshire Food Hub at Crossroads is selling both the PUOP books and the Cumnock Cookbooks. They also have a slide show to play on their big TV.

Talk: Kay is giving a talk to Kilmarnock & District History Group on the project on Thursday 26th January at Ayrshire College.

Lugar Heritage Centre – Marion by email. Marion had covid over Christmas and still tired. Mural number 3(timeline) is nearly done and pug is next. Hope to be finished by end of January. Lintel (for side door) has been ordered as stone needs to be cut. Display cabinets being made now. Sent advert for café job to Carolann in the hope we can get someone. Restored street lamp is going in this week.

Doon Valley Railway – Colin updated. Very successful Santa ride in December. Still working on land purchase.

Lugar Walk - Kate updated. Work on Lugar walk started then stopped due to poor weather. To restart in Feb 2023. Ness Glen walk upper part to be done by the MAs but lower path in the Glen its self needs further assessment.

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 – £1.3m from RCGF to New Cumnock Development Trust for Re use centre. Levelling up Fund announced and Kilmarnock palace theatre got funding. Poss round 3 application in the pipe line.

   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

    20th April 2023, 20th July 2023, 17th October 2023.

Summary of Actions

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