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Delivery Group

Meeting 11 Minutes

Date: 20th April 2023 **Time**: 2-2.30pm **Venue**: Ochiltree Hub

Attendees:

Colin MacDonald (CCLP Project Supervisor	Lyndy Renwick (Forest and Land Scotland),
Jenna Cains (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere) Chair	
Elaine Stewart (Coalfield Regeneration Trust)	Carolann McPhillimy (CCLP Project Officer)
Simon Lees (Countryside Training)	Laura Salvage (The Conservation Volunteers)
Matt Cross (Coalfield Environment Initiative)	Jamie Campbell (Netherthird Community Action Training)
Kate Dickens (CCLP Project Officer)	Colin McKee (Heritage Projects Coordinator, East Ayrshire Council)
Rufus Sullivan (The Cumnock Tryst)	
Becca Barclay (Archaeology Scotland)	

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)	Adrienne McGeechan (Sector Development Officer (tourism and food and drink) East Ayrshire Council)
Arthur McIvor (University of Strathclyde)	Peter Livingstone (EADHA)	Reg Briers (East Ayrshire Woodlands)
Gillian Barrie (Green Action Trust)	Thomas Clancy (University of Glasgow)	Yvonne McFadden (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 19th January 2023 were distributed and there were no amendments. Carolann McPhillimy proposed and Becca Barclay seconded.

3. Actions and Matter Arising

From meeting 10

ACTION 1. Work with Bruce to get the polly-tunnels erected at Little Mils and Rankinston PS. **Kate needs to confirm with Peter**

From Meeting 11

5. Midterm Review

Action 1: Colin to send out the midterm review when Simon sends it.

6. Project Update

Action 2: Matt to chase up Bug Life to get Healthy Rivers training sorted.

Action 3: Peter to meet with Colin and Kate to discuss change in outcomes (eco-tourism business and event figures unattainable)

4. Feedback from Board meeting of 25th January2023

No particular issues

5. Midterm Review

Simon Lees introduced himself and the reason for the midterm review and what was going to be in it. The group did an exercise in which we looked at recording success, key challenges and issues and any changes/improvements needed in the next 2 years.

Session went well and the results will be incorporated in to the midterm review.

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6. Project Updates and Project Supervisors report

Supervisors report as per report sent out with agenda.

North Kyle Land Management Plan (and North Kyle Master Plan) – Lyndy. Working with windfarms on access to North Kyle Forrest, infrastructure development. Land Management Plan to be developed this year.

Musical Celebration of the Coalfields – Rufus. 29th of April the October Tryst will be launched. **Date to note: 7th October BIG Saturday Musical Celebration of the Coalfields performance 2.30pm and 4.30pm at Barony Campus Cumnock.** 6 out of the 10 community groups have completed their piece and the rest will complete by June 2023.

Place Names – Prof Thomas Clancy. Looking for a pause in the project as he is very busy.

School Green Gym – Laura Salvage. 5 schools have been worked with. 1 left to go. Green Gym leadership training is being delivered for staff to support the projects.

Hedge row Habitats – Jamie. Work has started with the school kids from the new primary school which has just been opened. Have been doing the Glynn awards with CRT. Planning for summer scheme and there will be a fun day on 10th August 2023.

Peatlands/Pollinators/Healthy Rivers – Matt. Second peatland site complete and 3rd due to be done soon on FLS site, funded by money secured from SMRT. Funding has been secured for a new

pollinators project to follow on form CCLP one. Healthy Rivers waiting to get Bug Life to do training for staff.

Action 2: Matt to chase up Bug Life to get Healthy Rivers training sorted.

Lost Villages – Arthur and Yvonne. By e-mail. The final project event on afternoon of 30 Sept 2023 , please put in your diaries.

Yvonne and Arthur spent the day in Ayrshire Archives on Tues and unearthed some interesting material from the Housing and Public Health Committee records of the Council. Yvonne is returning to this research next week.

Yvonne has done a brilliant job getting the four Storytelling workshops organised over the summer.

Our Work Placement student has completed their study of football in the mining village and written a report and blog for the project website. With one more student to report back on their survey of the newspapers around the closures of the mines. Between them this has been a total of 180 hours on the project.

Planning completion of several more interviews and a more intensive phase of research and writing of the project findings over the next few months.

Attainment through Archaeology – Becca. 5 week course with Loch Norris primary. Dates with Bellsbank still need to be arranged. Looking to d o a flagship dig project next year so starting to plan for that.

Doon Valley Mountain Bike – Elaine by e-mail. Feasibility study for inclusive cycling complete. Asset transfer progressing, need to complete business plan. Windfarm money coming in round about June 2023.

Connecting Communities – Elaine. Developing links with wider coalfield areas, supporting groups with funding applications. Organising a networking event in Cumnock for 15th May to get businesses and community groups together to look at what help and funding there is for projects.

Sense of Place – Jenna. The Biosphere have delivered two Sense of Place sessions – in Dalmellington and Auchinleck, and two more light touch Sense of Place activities at events in Loch Doon and New Cumnock. We are currently facilitating four 'Learning Journeys' (these are ongoing sharing and connection to heritage) – with groups in Ochiltree, Dalmellington, Auchinleck and Loch Doon. I was invited to meet with Cumnock Juniors Enterprise and should hopefully be providing some Sense of Place activities there, and am also meeting a representative from Architecture and Design Scotland who are working on net zero plans for Drongan, Rankiston & Stair.
The GSA Biosphere interpretation panels have gone up at the Roundhouse at Loch Doon.
The GSA Biosphere will soon be launching our new badge for Scouts and Guides (and all the different sections of Beavers, Brownies, etc), and hope to do a launch session with the Dalmellington sections.
We are also looking at hosting one of a handful of 10 year celebratory events for the Biosphere at the Hub in Ochiltree, and might be looking to some of the partner projects for support in that around music and/or storytelling – all still in discussion at the Biosphere for now though.

Doon Valley Railway – Colin and Carolann. Busy fund raising to try and buy the properties they lease. Summer events planned. Have been to look at possible shed ideas.

Coalfield to Wildwoods – Kate. Peter looking for tree planting sites, Easter at loch Doon went well, taking part in Tuesdays at Tower Street with a guided tree walk – helping him to get in touch with Reg from EAW to restart polytunnel works –

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Paths – Kate. Lugar path works well under way but with access issues, hoping to arrange on site meeting with EALT and contractors to assess issues to progress – draft agreement been sent to mark at Craigengillan

Lugar Heritage Centre – Kate. Official opening went really well on 30th March, progress completion form to be completed on the 4th May – linked with Archaeology Scotland with hope of doing a school project on local heritage.

Cumnock History Group – Kay by e-mail. books are still selling and are also available at Dumfries House visitor centre (also Ochiltree Hub, Boswells Coachhouse, Mary's Fabrics & Crossroads Hub) We will be at Cumnock Carnival on the 7 May.

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 amendments.

9. AOB/ Partners updates
   None

10. Meeting Dates for the Year

    20th July 2023, 17th October 2023.