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Delivery Group

Meeting 12 Minutes

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

Attendees:

Colin MacDonald (CCLP Project Supervisor	Marion Wylie (Lugar Parish Church)
Jenna Cains (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere) Chair	Isabel Campbell (Lugar Parish Church)
Colin McKee (Heritage Projects Coordinator, East Ayrshire Council)	
Kate Dickens (CCLP Project Officer)	
Matt Cross (Coalfield Environment Initiative)	
Reg Briers (East Ayrshire Woodlands)	
Rufus Sullivan (The Cumnock Tryst)	
Becca Barclay (Archaeology Scotland)	
Jamie Campbell (Netherthird Community Action Training)	

Apologies:

Kay McMeekin (Cumnock History Group)	Jennifer Martin (The Cumnock Tryst)	Gordon Thomson and Archie Thom (Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group – Doon Valley Railway),
Christine Kenan (Strategic Lead - Environment, East Ayrshire Leisure Trust)	Simon Taylor (University of Glasgow)	Yvonne McFadden (University of Strathclyde)
Carolann McPhillimy (CCLP Project Officer)	Thomas Clancy (University of Glasgow)	Adrienne McGeechan (Sector Development Officer (tourism and food and drink) East Ayrshire Council)
Arthur McIvor (University of Strathclyde)	Peter Livingstone (EADHA)	Elaine Stewart (Coalfield Regeneration Trust)
Gillian Barrie (Green Action Trust)	Lyndy Renwick (Forest and Land Scotland)	
Laura Salvage (The Conservation Volunteers)	Emily Hay (Coalfield Environment Initiative)	

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 19th January 2023 were distributed and there were no amendments. Jenna Cains proposed and Becca Barclay seconded.

3. Actions and Matter Arising

From Meeting 12
Action 1: Colin to send out the midterm review
Action 2: Jenna has some ideas for possible dig sites. To link up with Becca.
Action 3: Colin MacDonald to pass on James Lally details to Marion with regards to possible match funding. For PV installation.
Action 4: Colin MacDonald to pass round the post delivery risk register.
Action 5: Colin MacDonald to update risk register.

4. Feedback from Board meeting of 25th January2023

No particular issues.

5. Midterm Review

Midterm review now complete. No surprises as we know that we have a large underspend. After next Board meeting (26th July) and NLHF meeting (27th July) we will be in touch with partners to see how we can progress in the remaining 2 years.

Action 1: Colin to send out the midterm review

6. Project Updates and Project Supervisors report

Supervisors report as per report sent out with agenda.

Musical Celebration of the Coalfields – Rufus. All 10 groups have composed their pieces of music and now the scores are being compiled for the performances. Rehearsals will start in August.

Date to note: 7th October BIG Saturday Musical Celebration of the Coalfields performance 2.30pm and 4.30pm at Barony Campus Cumnock.

Please spread the date and get tickets for this not to be missed celebration.

Place Names – Prof Thomas Clancy. Colin MacD updates. They are looking to extend project till October 2024 as the data base is still not complete.

School Green Gym – Laura Salvage. Kate updated. Project now complete and working on the end of project report. Last claim to be submitted as well.

Hedge row Habitats – Jamie. Busy summer session have started. Looking to apply to ARIA (Ayrshire Rural and Islands Ambition) for further funding for after the project completes. Planting more hedge whips in Autumn.

End of project celebration and fun day on 10th August 2023.

Peatlands/Pollinators/Healthy Rivers – Matt. 3rd site due to be started in the winter on FLS site. Funding has been secured for a new pollinators project to follow on from CCLP one.

Healthy Rivers project slowed down as Bug Life were not responsive so looking at other options. Possibility of doing more peatland work on an ARIA funded project, building on the experience of work done on CCLP projects. Working on legacy projects.

Lost Villages – Arthur and Yvonne. By e-mail. The Lost Villages has been very busy in May and June. Dr McFadden spent time in the archives at Ayr finding out more about the villages in the housing and public health committee minutes. We also ran storytelling workshops with the Dalmellington Recovery Group and the Chat-teas in Auchinleck. These in collaboration with a professional storyteller and we heard lots of great stories about the communities in East Ayrshire. We are now working on producing a podcast from these workshops. The team has also been out and about conducting a last batch of interviews, some of which focused on open cast mining and women's experiences of factory closures in the areas. Currently, we are writing the project book which we hope to publish with Carn publishing in time for Christmas. Legacy projects include working with a teacher at Burns Academy on a learning resource and an exhibition with East Ayrshire Leisure at the Baird in Cumnock first half of 2024.

Our final event is set for Saturday 30th September at Dalmellington Community Centre, 2pm-4pm, more details to follow – all welcome.

Attainment through Archaeology – Becca. 2 Five week courses with Loch Norris now complete. 1 day taster session with P7 at Bellsbank, went to the Mott in Dalmellington. Planning for next school sessions is underway. Still investigating a large dig for next year and looking for sites as the at Commondyke not suitable.

Action 2: Jenna has some ideas for possible dig sites. To link up with Becca.

Doon Valley Mountain Bike – Elaine by e-mail. The asset transfer is now sitting with EAC this will hopefully go through when Cabinet meet again.

The match funding has been secured from the first tranche of funding from the community benefit from the South Kyle windfarm this decision was made at the last trust meeting.
We have also now taken on two dedicated development trust staff who will start employment in August they will support the trust to get this project to fruition by early 2024.

Sense of Place – Jenna. Sense of Place workshop target met and now doing learning journeys. Work with Dalmellington Recovery Group and Chat-Teas in Auchilneck. Had successful launch of their Scouts/Guides Biosphere badge in Damellington. 5 events coming up

- 30th July at Woodroad Pk in Cumnock
- 8th August Pocket Park in Cumnock
- 10th of August at Netherthird Gardens
- 12th August at Hanneston Woods, Drongan
- 20th August launch of walks at Ochiltree

2 intern posts coming up and Jenna will circulate info when they are available.
Visit in September from Swedish Biosphere delegation to CCLP area.

Landscape Apprentices – Reg. Last year's 4 apprentices have now completed. Advert went out and also attended some school careers days. 24 applicants, 14 chosen to interview but only 11 showed up. 4 have been chosen and hope to start by 14th August. Had 1 female application (for the first time) but she did not show for interview.

Doon Valley Railway – Colin and Carolann. Summer sessions going well. Were not able to raise funds to buy parts of the site they wanted.

Coalfield to Wildwoods – Peter by e-mail. Match funding bid to Hugh Fraser Foundation successful. Nursery at Dalcairnie Steading, Craigengillan now complete, built by Ayrshire College students. Students helped pot on aspen mini plugs. Hoping to have ongoing partnership with college to grow more trees here.

Further aspen mini plug potting on undertaken with Logan and Littlemill PS. New polytunnel being built at Logan and soon to happen at Littlemill. Ongoing propagation of other species at Knowe working with their team there.

Investigating planting sites including ownership inquiries of various parcels of land. Stretch along Doon at Dunaskin - email sent to owner re Riparian planting - no response. Also potential new community woodland site at Rankinston between village and FLS land to west.

Eadha organising tree planting sessions at the forthcoming Hannahston Woods event.

Peter organising field event to take in Eadha and FLS opencast planting sites and trials. Now looking like being delayed until next summer due to ongoing remediation works.

Stuart Douglas has been providing day to day support and had been developing a programme of activities for the forthcoming events around Cumnock. However he has recently sustained an injury which means he cannot walk for at least 6 weeks.

Keen to learn of any potential tree planting sites in CCLP area from other partners.

Paths – Kate. Lugar path works well over half complete. Did a site walk and it is looking good. Now looking at Lugar Walk from Cumnock to Lugar to sort out land owner agreements. Work progressing with Mark Gibson on an agreement to do work on Ness Glen path.

Pocket Park - Kate. Kate working with Cumnock Action Plan to deliver 4 events over the summer at the Park. A small amount a vandalism recently (graffiti). Proposing an area for people to do graffiti.

Lugar Heritage Centre – Marion and Isabel. Warm Hub stopped end of May due to volunteers on holiday but they are hoping to start again in September 2023. The new calendar for next year should be ready for Christmas 2023. Have a kids club on Sunday morning during the service. Approached to starting a sowing group and Kate assisted. Possibility of setting up a craft natter group which could link in with the re-use hub being developed in New Cumnock.

Exploring PV for church and have been invited by KERS to sign up and apply for funding. Colin McKee said that there could be a possibility for match funding from EAC through climate change strategy.

Action 3: Colin MacDonald to pass on James Lally details to Marion with regards to possible match funding. For PV installation.

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 circulated with papers.

   Colin McKee suggested that L2 consents should be upgraded to orange due issues with landowner consents around walks.

   NLHF want us to start updating the Post Delivery Risk Register. Colin MacDonald has updated the original one and will pass round the group for comment.

   Action 4: Colin MacDonald to pass round the post delivery risk register.

   Action 5: Colin MacDonald to update risk register.

   Colin McKee said that Carolann is on sick leave. ARIA is a good opportunity for funding for projects. There will be further discussions with project partners on how to spend the underspend after the Board and NLHF discussions.

9. AOB

   None.

10. Meeting Dates for the Year

    17th October 2023.