COALFIELD
Communities Landscape Partnership

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**Delivery Group**

**Meeting 17 - Minutes**

**Date:** 10th October 2024 **Time**: 2pm -3.10pm **Venue**: MS Teams

**Attendees:**

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| Colin MacDonald (CCLP Project Supervisor) | Rufus Sullivan (The Cumnock Tryst) |
| Jenna Cains (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere) Chair | Matt Cross (Coalfield Environment Initiative) |
| Carolann McPhillimy (CCLP Project Officer) | Taylor Ellison Quinn (CRT) |
| Colin McKee (Heritage Projects Coordinator, East Ayrshire Council) | |
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**Apologies:**

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| John Senior (Cumnock Action Plan Group) | Alex Wallace (Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group – Director) |
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1. Welcome and Apologies

   Jenna Cains (Chair) welcomed everyone and put in apologies as listed above. Kate has now left CCLP and started a job with North Ayrshire Council. Thank you to her for her work with the CCLP partners and all the best in her new job.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

   Minutes from meeting of 17th July 2024 were distributed and there were no amendments. Jenna Cains proposed and Colin MacDonald seconded.

3. Actions and Matter Arising

   From meeting 16:
   Section 5

   ACTION 1 - Colin McDonald to send out case study to everyone. (health event) **Complete**

   Connecting Communities

   Action 2 – Taylor to send dates of events to Carolann for her to forward onto to project partners and interested groups. **Complete**

Action 3 - Christine to get in touch with Neil Watts to see if EALT can support the Wood Road Park Event on the 18th August. **Complete**

Action 4 -Taylor to enquire tomorrow and send Peter an email. (for Colin from CRT) **Complete**

4. Feedback from Board meeting of 14th August 2024

Board are pleased with progress with no issued to raise.

5. Project Updates and Project Supervisors report

**CCLP –** Colin went through the report that had been issued with agenda. Colin McKee suggested that the group be sent an invite to join the legacy group.

**ACTION 1 - Colin MacDonald to send out an invite to join the legacy group.**

**Cumnock Tryst –** Rufus updated that at this year's Tryst (2-6th October) they had 3 CCLP performances at the Cumnock Trust 10th Birthday Festival this October with 3 special performances from young Composers from Robert Burns Academy, the CAMPS (Cumnock Arts Makes People Smile) Showcase and The Birthday Gala concert which featured 2 world premiere works by Gillian Walker and Erin Thomson, settings for chamber choir and solo brass, of poems written during the lock down phase of the Musical Celebration in the Coalfields project by Irene Howat and Aileen Wood.

10th Anniversary at the Baird will run until 11th January 2025.

New General Manager, David Lee.

**Congratulations** to the Cumnock Tryst on getting a Sky Arts Award for Classical Music for the 2023 festival which prominently featured the 'BIG Saturday! A Musical Celebration of the Coalfields', the culmination of nearly 2 years of work with 10 local community groups.

**CEI -** Matt. Pollinators project progressing very well, Emily planting as we speak! Over the last month 7ha have been planted. FLS very pleased with the work carried out at Dunstanhill. More planting to happen on 3km the road between New Cumnock and Dalmellington. Other projects moving slowly.

Jenna mentioned that they are looking at linking up the Biosphere across the area with pollinator corridors. Potential for one between Ochiltree and Dalrymple.

**Action 2: Jenna and Matt to lease over potential pollinator corridor between Ochiltree and Dalrymple.**

**Coalfields Regeneration Trust**- Taylor. The groups that they have been working with have been happy to receive the help. For example Muirkirk CC. He has created a number of videos of events. He will attend the Press Pause event in Muirkirk to film.

**Biosphere** – Jenna. Sense of Place project now completed. Thanked the opportunity that the CCLP provided for the GSAB to make inroads in to East Ayrshire. Ongoing work with Ochiltree and Dalrymple. Continue to support the Hannestone woods group.

GSAB are creating a network for all the Biosphere communities in the area to meet quarterly to share experiences.

The agm on 9/10/24 in Dalmellington and was well attended.

There is a tree planting grant available to groups.

Looking for support to install a view finder at Craigmaloch.

**Action 3: Jenna to speak to Matt about possible help with the view finder at Craigmaloch.**

Jenna raised Nature Networks and what was happening in EAC area. Colin McKee said that EALT were looking at this as well as Planning Policy team.

Jenna also raise an issue that was highlighted to her from a resident in Ochiltree regarding ongoing damage to the Lugar Walk.

**Action 4: Jenna to e-mail regarding state of Lugar Walk path near Ochiltree for CCLP to follow up.**

6. Finance
   Colin MacDonald updated on claims that were being processed at the moment. Keep claims coming in!

7. Risk Register and Health and Safety
   Risk registers have been sent out, Colin MacDonald welcomes comments and additions before end of this month. Colin McKee suggested that risks T6 should be turned red and O4 to orange.

**Action 5: Colin MacDonald to update risk register risks T6 should be turned red and O4 to orange.**

8. AOB

   Colin McKee explained that East Ayrshire Woodlands have recruited 4 new CCLP MAs and now have 10 this year. Can only do work if they are being paid for it.

9. Meeting Dates for the Year
   **15th Jan 2025, 16th April 2025 and 16th July 2025 (depending on CCLP extension)**