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Communities Landscape Partnership

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Delivery Group

Meeting 18 - Minutes

Date: 15 Jan 2025 **Time**: 2pm -3.10pm **Venue**: MS Teams

Attendees:

Colin MacDonald (CCLP Project Supervisor)	Alex Wallace (Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group – Director)
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)	John Senior (Cumnock Action Plan Group)
Brian Walkington (Regeneration Project Officer, East Ayrshire Council)	
Becca Barkley (Archaeology Scotland)	
Christine Keenan (Strategic Lead Environment, EALT)	

Apologies:

Reg Briers (EAW)	
Archie Thom (ARPG)	

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 10th October 2024 were distributed and there were no amendments. Jenna Cains proposed and Matt Cross seconded.

3. Actions and Matter Arising

   From Meeting 17

   Section 5

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

   CEI

   Action 2: Jenna and Matt to lease over potential pollinator corridor between Ochiltree and Dalrymple. **Corridor not happening**

Biosphere

Action 3: Jenna to speak to Matt about possible help with the view finder at Craigmaloch. Lost cause at the moment. **Not happening**

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

Section 7

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

4. Feedback from Board meeting of 23rd October 2024

Board are pleased with progress. Want to ensure that partners gather as much data as possible in their reports and maximise their claims as much as possible. Lyndy from FLS praised the pollinator work done by CEI at Dunston Hill.

5. Project Updates and Project Supervisors report

CEI - Matt. Pollinators project going well with major kudos to Emily for all her work. More area offered by FLS at Dunston Hill for planting. Peatland project – legal agreement with FLS now all signed. Colin McKee asked about time line for the project. Taking on board an intern for 6 months to survey the area and draw up plan for work. Work to start in Sept/Oct 2025 and will take about 2 weeks. Heathy Rivers still progressing slowly. Looking at other ways to deliver. Targets will not be met.

Action 1: Jenna to forward Matt a request for a possible apprenticeship opportunity.

Coalfields Regeneration Trust- Taylor. Attended the Press Pause event in Muirkirk and produced a film which can be used as part of funding applications and publicity. Introduced the new CRT family hub worker to Jim Smith at the Heritage Museum in Cumnock. 2 funding applications completed for Drongan and the Climate Hub. CRT had a 25yr celebration event at Scottish Parliament which was well attended. Carolann attended for EAC/CCLP.

Biosphere – Jenna. Looking at legacy work. Continue to support the Hannahstone woods group for their next nature day, potentially 17th May 2025. Potential work in Dalmellington with CEI. Biosphere tree planting scheme still open for groups.

ARPG (Doon Valley Railway) – Alex. A group member purchased the shop, café and bothy and will lease back to ARPG. This has removed pressure on upgrading the station building. Heritage shed progressing, small amount of funding still needed. Planning application in and should be decided in late Feb. Wagon shed now has new floor. 2 diesel engines have been renovated by Fraser Gibson Engineering MAs. 3 weeks of Santa trains went very well.

Cumnock Action Plan Group – John Senior. They got £500 form the 9CCG to repair the damage to the Pocket Park. Work should be done by end of January.

Archaeology Scotland – Becca. Now back from maternity leave for 2 months. 1 5 week session was delivered at Ochiltree Primary (26 kids) as well as a 2 week long dig at the same site as before. (46 vol days) Taster session delivered at Bellsbank primary (P6&7), looked at land use change and made model water wheels for mills.

East Ayrshire Leisure Trust – Christine. Tree planting with Peter along the river Ayr way. Helping Lyndy with upgrading the osprey cameras at Loch Doon. 2 Path Wardens on Lugar walk.

CCLP Report - Colin reported on the 4th Dec 2024 EAC Cabinet report regarding CCLP extension and staff contracts. Carolann contract to finish at end of March and Colin MacDonald at end of Dec 2025. Colin thanked Carolann for all her hard work on the CCLP projects and for her support of the project partners. Colin McKee seconded the thanks and highlighted the good work done on the Connecting Communities project. Next step is to ask NLHF for a grant extension. Planning also under way for an end of CCLP celebration for Oct/Nov 2025.

6. Finance

   Colin MacDonald updated on claims that were being processed at the moment. Need a big push on spend in the next 2 quarters.

7. Risk Register and Health and Safety

   Risk registers have been sent out with agenda. No updates. To keep the T6 red as Biosphere signs have been held up. Keep in touch with ARA.

8. AOB

   Colin MacDonald spoke about the legacy group and about the legacy questionnaire that has been circulated to help gather data to populate the Legacy Plan.

   Action 2: Carolann to assist those projects that have already completed to fill in the questionnaire.

   Jenna said a big thank you to Carolann on behalf of the delivery Group and the Biosphere for all her help on making the Sense of Place project such a success.

9. Meeting Dates for the Year

   16th April 2025 and 16th July 2025 (depending on CCLP extension)