COALFIELD
Communities Landscape Partnership

A' Mhaoin-Dualchais Heritage Fund

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Delivery Group

Meeting 19 - Minutes

Date: 16 April 2025 **Time**: 2pm -3.10pm **Venue**: MS Teams

Attendees:

Colin MacDonald (CCLP Project Supervisor)	Phil Richardson (Archaeology Scotland)
Jenna Cains (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere) Chair	Peter Livingstone (EADHA)
Matt Cross (Coalfield Environment Initiative)	Rufus Sullivan (The Cumnock Tryst)
Colin McKee (Heritage Projects Coordinator, East Ayrshire Council)	
Josh Thornhill (TCV)	
Taylor Ellison Quinn (CRT)	
Lyndy Renwick (FLS)	

Apologies:

Reg Briers (EAW)	Alex Wallace (Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group – Director)
Archie Thom (ARPG)	John Senior (Cumnock Action Plan Group)
Christine Keenan (Strategic Lead Environment, EALT)	Brian Walkington (Regeneration Project Officer, East Ayrshire Council)

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 15th January 2025 were distributed and there were no amendments. Matt Cross proposed and Jenna Cains seconded.

3. Actions and Matter Arising

   From Meeting 18
   Action 1: Jenna to forward Matt a request for a possible apprenticeship opportunity. **Complete**
   Action 2: Carolann to assist those projects that have already completed to fill in the questionnaire. **Colin MacDonald to chase up partners to complete**

4. Feedback from Board meeting of 21 January 2025
   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.

5. Project Updates and Project Supervisors report

CEI - Matt. Pollinators project – Emily managing the project. more planting in Spring (on Dunstan Hill) and Autum is planned. Peatland project – New member of staff to manage the project all ready for tenders to be issued and work to start in the Autum. Heathy Rivers – project complete. Did not work out quite as planned but still had some outputs.

FLS – Lyndy. North Kyle Land Management Plan complete and with Scottish Forestry for approval. North Kyle Management Plan progressing with water and electricity to be put in to the Coyle Water area. Working with 9CCG and EAC of further developments. Brockwells have commissioned a study on the possibility of a water sports hub as well.

Coalfields Regeneration Trust- Taylor. Project now complete

Biosphere – Jenna. Project complete. Looking at legacy work. Continue to support the Hannahstone woods nature day on 17th May 2025. Colin McKee has forwarded advert to EAC staff and Coilin MacD put on CCLP FaceBook.

ARPG (Doon Valley Railway) – Colin MacDonald updated. Shed now has planning approval and Scheduled Monument Consent has been submitted. Should have outcome by end of May 2025. Still looking for funding for new shed. Easter event planned.

Archaeology Scotland – Phil. Last period of activity starts in May. Doing other work in Galston and new Mills as well as Mauchline.

EADAH Peter. – Coalfields to Wildwoods planting activity in Patna, Dalmellington, Gilmuir Water and on River Ayr. Good planting work with Bellsbank and Patna primary's. Looking for more groups in Dalmellimgton to work with. Planting a 1km hedge on Peneyvinnie Farm working with EAW and the MAs. Looking to replace Little Mill poly tunnel that has been damaged. Considering the Drogan and Ochiltree Green Community Fund. Working with Ayrshire Collage. Wondering if there was still the possibility of planting at Skares and possibly Dunstonehill.

TCV – Josh. No update. Attending the group for first time on another behalf.

Landscape Arpprentices – Reg by e-mail. We have had 11 CCLP MA's since 2021, with an additional 4 currently on the programme, totalling the anticipated 15, towards the end of the CCLP. Work is being done on the Lugar Walk Between Cumnock and Lugar. New fencing and preparing for path repairs. Have been doing tree planting with Peter at Patna.

CCLP Report – Colin MacDonald as per report sent out. NLHF have approved grant extension to 16/1/26.

6. Finance

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

7. Risk Register and Health and Safety

Risk registers have been sent out with agenda. No updates.

8. AOB

Matt spoke about the partnership development with East Tennessee Uni. They will be sending over students May/June 2025 and will be helping the Biosphere with the Hanneston Woods Nature Day and work in Muirkirk. In 2026 some Geoscience students will also come over.

Action 1: Colin MacDonald to send Matt contact details for Lugar Heritage Centre/Church as they want to use the building in May.

Digital Time Capsule information. Jim Walker will be in touch regarding interviewing and photography.

Action 2: Colin MacDonald to send reminder about Digital Time Capsule interviews.

The Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere have been screening their new film and it is well worth seeing. Keep your eyes open for further dates.

9. Meeting Dates for the Year
16th July 2025