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Communities Landscape Partnership

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Delivery Group

Meeting 20 - Minutes

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

Attendees:

Colin MacDonald (CCLP Project Supervisor)	John Senior (Cumnock Action Plan Group)
Jenna Cains (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere) Chair	Brian Walkington (Regeneration Project Officer, East Ayrshire Council)
Matt Cross (Coalfield Environment Initiative)	Rufus Sullivan (The Cumnock Tryst)
Colin McKee (Heritage Projects Coordinator, East Ayrshire Council)	Archie Thom (ARPG)
Maggie Boyd (CRT)	Reg Briers (EAW)
Taylor Ellison Quinn (CRT)	Darren Donnelly (Lugar Church)
Lyndy Renwick (FLS)	Rea Smith (DPDT)

Apologies:

Yovonne McFadden (University of Strathclyde)	Phil Richardson (Archaeology Scotland)
Arthur McIvor (University of Strathclyde)	Peter Livingstone (EADHA)
Christine Keenan (Strategic Lead Environment, EALT)	Thomas Clancy (University of Glasgow)

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 16th April 2025 were distributed and there were no amendments. Jenna Cains proposed and Rufus Sullivan seconded.

3. Actions and Matter Arising

   From Meeting 19

   Action 1: Colin MacDonald to send Matt contact details for Lugar Heritage Centre/Church as they want to use the building in May. **COMPLETE**
   Action 2: Colin MacDonald to send reminder about Digital Time Capsule interviews. **COMPLETE**

4. Feedback from Board meeting of 23rd April 2025
   None. Jenna put in apologies for not being able to attend the next Board meeting.

5. Project Updates and Project Supervisors report

CEI - Matt. Pollinators project – Planting complete on Dunstan Hill, 9.35ha. Thanks to Lyndy at FLS. Further planting planned for Autum. Peatland project – work due to start on 6th October with contractor on site. Jordan sid a fantastic job and has now moved on to work for Forest Carbon.

FLS – Lyndy. North Kyle Land Management Plan still with Scottish Forestry for approval. North Kyle Management Plan progressing with water and electricity now put in to the Coyle Water area as well as a road form Duntaggert to the substation at Coyle water. Working with 9CCG and EAC of further developments. Brockwells have completed phase 1 study and phase 2 underway looking at the possibility of a water sports site

Coalfields Regeneration Trust- Taylor. New Development manager introduced, Maggie Boyd. Maggie will be in touch with partners in due course to see how CRT can work with them.

Biosphere – Jenna. The Hannahstone woods nature day on 17th May 2025 was a great success. Thanks to Matt and Taylor for the help and to the students from Tennessee Uni. Already discussions under way to assist in organising 2026 event. Looking to engage businesses in Cumnock to increase take up of Biosphere certification. Have applied to 9CCG for funding to do work with primary schools in the area. Happy to work with the partners in the future.

Action 1: John Senior to provide to Jenna date for next Business Association meeting (21st July 5.30pm)

Action 2: Maggie Boyd to be in touch with Jenna regarding work in Drongan.

ARPG (Doon Valley Railway) – Archie mic not working. Colin updated. Scheduled Monument Consent has been submitted. Should have outcome by end of August 2025. Still looking for funding for new shed. Easter event went well. Summer openings going well. Site now cleared and ready for the new shed. Article in the July/August Doon Valley Gazette.

Archaeology Scotland – Phil by e-mail. Delivery almost complete with one youth group in Cumnock to go.

EADAH - Pete**r** by e-mail – Planting ongoing. Pennyvenie Farm completed and gap sites ag Bellsbank and Patna completed too recently. Planning to undertake next phase of Glenmuir planting in autumn as well as completing River Ayr walkway. Hope to initiate Lugar walkway planting at Ochiltree and feed into Skares project next season too.

Landscape Apprentices – Reg. We have had 11 into full time employment with a variety of employers. 4 MAs started but 1 has left to go into further education so now 3 currently on the programme. 2 year programme. Level 5 trees and timber qualification nearly complete. Over 200m of path now complete on Lugar walk between Cumnock and Lugar with board and normal path. Work should complete end of summer.

Lugar Heritage Centre (Church) – Darren. Complete change of people working in the church. Working to build up community activity and use of the hub. Open every Wednesday. Logan church hall damaged in storm and asbestos found, looking to sell hall. Opportunities for using the church/hub for more activities. Looking to get involved in the path from Lugar to Cumnock. Had visitors from Utah who came to the heritage centre to look at family records.

Cllr Filson asked for details of who did the upgrade work at the heritage centre to get ideas for the church project in Dalmellington.

Action 3: To explore work with the Biosphere on a geology project. Darren to get in touch with Jenna.

Musical Celebration (Cumnock Tryst) – Rufus. Festival tickets on sale for October (starts 2nd October).

Tower Street Pocket Park (CAP) – John Senior. Roof repaired and coping stones still on wall. 90 plants planted but up rooted over night and flung around. Used by 11-14 yr olds who climb on container and leave loads of rubbish. Graffiti board used.

Donn Valley Inclusive Cycling track (DPDT) – Rae. Track nearly completed, building on site should be complete by end of August 2025.

Lost Villages – Book now available for free online at Published Work | Memory, mining and heritage : voices from Ayrshire communities | ID: 1544bp651 | STAX can still be bought. Excerpts from interviews are now on website and can be found at Voices from the Villages | The Lost Villages

CCLP Report – Colin MacDonald as per report sent out.

6. Finance
   No issues

7. Risk Register and Health and Safety
   Risk registers have been sent out with agenda. No updates.

8. AOB
   Hold the date 2nd October 2025 for CCLP celebration at the Dumfries Arms Hotel in Cumnock 3-5pm.

   Legacy Questionnaire to be completed by everyone.

9. Meeting Dates for the Year
   TBC end of October beginning of November. To discuss legacy plans.