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Delivery Group

Meeting 13 Minutes

Date: 17th October 2023 **Time**: 2-2.30pm **Venue**: MS Teams

Attendees:

Colin MacDonald (CCLP Project Supervisor	
Jenna Cains (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere) Chair	
Kate Dickens (CCLP Project Officer)	
Carolann McPhillimy (CCLP Project Officer)	
Reg Briers (East Ayrshire Woodlands)	
Becca Barclay (Archaeology Scotland)	
Lyndy Renwick (Forest and Land Scotland)	
Marion Wylie (Lugar Parish Church)	

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)
Matt Cross (Coalfield Environment Initiative)	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)	Isabel Campbell (Lugar Parish Church)	Colin McKee (Heritage Projects Coordinator, East Ayrshire Council)
Laura Salvage (The Conservation Volunteers)	Emily Hay (Coalfield Environment Initiative)	Rufus Sullivan (The Cumnock Tryst)
Jamie Campbell (Netherthird Community Action Training)		

1. <u>Welcome and Apologies</u>

   Jenna Cains (Chair) welcomed everyone and put in apologies as listed above.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from meeting of 19th July 2023 were distributed and there were no amendments. Jenna Cains proposed and Kate Dickens seconded.

3. Actions and Matter Arising

From Meeting 12
Action 3: Colin MacDonald to pass on James Lally details to Marion with regards to possible match funding. For PV installation. Carolann to forward details. Action closed.

From Meeting 13
Item 5
Action 1: Colin MacDonald to circulate summary action table that was produced to try and address issues raised in the midterm review.

Item 6

Action 2: Lyndy to pass on farmers details to Becca with regards to possible site for a dig.

Item 8
Action 3: Colin MacDonald to update Risk Register to include road signage for Ochiltree

4. Feedback from Board meeting of 26th July 2023

No particular issues. Keep up the good work and try to maximise spend.

5. Midterm Review

Midterm review was sent out with the agenda. A summary table was produced by Simon which will be circulated to the group.

Action 1: Colin MacDonald to circulate summary action table that was produced to try and address issues raised in the midterm review.

6. Project Updates and Project Supervisors report

Supervisors report as per report sent out with agenda. Colin MacDonald highlighted the successful end of project celebration events that had taken place. Hedgerow Habitats (Netherthird Gardens), Lost Villages and Cumnock Tryst Big Saturday.

Attainment through Archaeology – Slow start to the year – first session delivered in Littlemill primary School. This little school would like to engage more with partners. Carolann suggested that we consider the creative climate project.

Logan primary courses start in Feb and March.

Rebecca is still trying to locate a dig site. Kate is trying to assist. Carolann suggested contacting the community council for contact details.

Lyndy has offered FLS land in Rankinston and can also pass on farmers details. Carolann felt this would be a great example of community engagement that would help promote CCLP projects. Carolann also suggested tying in with Alex at ADS and the climate change team the project.

Action 2: Lyndy to pass on farmers details to Becca with regards to possible site for a dig.

Landscape Apprentices – Reg. 8 modern apprentices 4 funded by CCLP

Apprentices currently upgrading the boardwalk at Ness Glen and should complete by end of November. They lads have started their SRUC course completed their first aid, Pesticide training PE1 and PE6.

Lyndy updated Reg on woodland creation plans for Skares for the apprentices. The land management plan will change radically.

Lugar Heritage Centre – Marion. Last claims for the renovations have been sent. She is moving forward with the solar panels and waiting on quote.

Still chasing signage and will discuss at session meeting on 17th of October.

Café will not open up daily and they are still discussing.

Warm hub still attracting people every week and they are going to canvas for the café.

They have a calendar for next year.

Craft club and children's Sunday club have been operating. The Sunday club is on hold.

Sense of Place – Jenna. Attended Netherthird celebration event. Went with Dalmellington Scouts to Culzean castle.

Chat and Tea group attended Dumfries house and Local historian Billy Cooper had access to the Boswell house and the group visited.

They attend the rural environmental crime partnership event at Craigengillan Estate.

Hannahston woods nature day was a great event and will hope to repeat next May.

The Swedish biosphere delegated were interested in the work post mining activity and the restoration of Hannahston Woods.

Coalfield to Wildwoods – Peter by e-mail.

Ongoing tree maintenance at Knowe and Craigengillan nurseries.
FLS has announced delay in progressing the Skares site for readiness for tree planting;
Online searches to prepare directory of local farmers within CCLP.
Mail Shots being prepared to send out to farmers advertising free planting service through project incorporating Kate's flyer.
Early discussions with Dumfries Estate regarding potential planting site.
Planting opportunities along the new Lugar Water trail to be investigated with CEI;
Exploring opportunities to work with Dalmellington Scouts to help with management of tree nursery and with planting activities.

Early discussions with Ayrshire Rivers Trust regarding partnership working to help develop local tree nursery growing capabilities and to explore joint planting sites.

Paths – Lugar path works complete form Cumnock to Ochiltree. Still a section to do from Ochiltree to Boswell estate and form Lugar to Cumnock. These will be done in the next year.

7. Finance
   Claims to CCLP – No issues to report and there were no questions. All payments now up to date.

8. Risk Register and Health and Safety
   Risk Register and Post delivery risk Register circulated with papers.

   Jenna Cains suggested that the length of time now being taken on the production of the Ochiltree Biosphere road signs is having an impact on progressing other Biosphere Communities.

   Action 3: Colin MacDonald to update Risk Register to include road signage for Ochiltree

9. AOB
   None.

10. Meeting Dates for the Year
    TBC