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Delivery Group

Meeting 5 Minutes

Date: 12th October 2021 **Time**: 2-4pm **Venue**: MS Teams

Attendees:

Colin MacDonald (CCLP Project Supervisor	Rufus Sullivan (The Cumnock Tryst)
Kay McMeekin (Cumnock History Group)	Peter Livingstone (EADHA)
Carolann McPhillimy (CCLP Project Officer)	Rosie Strachan (The Conservation Volunteers)
Arthur McIvor (University of Strathclyde)	Marie McNulty (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere) Chair
Elaine Stewart (Coalfield Regeneration Trust)	Simon Taylor (University of Glasgow)
Adrienne McGeechan (Sector Development Officer (tourism and food and drink), East Ayrshire Council)	Jenna Cains (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere)
Colin McKee (Heritage Projects Coordinator, East Ayrshire Council)	
Becca Barclay (Archaeology Scotland)	
Jamie Campbell (Netherthird Community Action Training)	
Lyndy Renwick (Forest and Land Scotland),	
Isabel Campbell (Lugar Parish Church)	

Apologies:

Louise Murphy (East Ayrshire Leisure), Thomas Clancy (University of Glasgow), Bruce Davidson (East Ayrshire Woodlands), Dr Yvonne McFadden (University of Strathclyde), Cynthia Bahi (CCLP Project Officer), Gordon Thomson and Gavin (Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group – Doon Valley Railway), Gillian Barrie (Green Action Trust), Jennifer Martin (The Cumnock Tryst), Emily Hay (Coalfield Environment Initiative), Laura Curtis-Moss (Coalfield Environment Initiative), Marion Wyle (Lugar Parish Church)

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

   Marie McNulty (Chair) welcomed everyone and put in apologies as listed above.

2. <u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>

   Minutes from meeting of 30th June 2021 were distributed and they was no amends. Arthur McIvor proposed and Colin MacDonald seconded.

3. Actions and Matter Arising

Action 1: Carolann to send out final instructions for the day**. Complete**
Action2: Everyone please let Bruce know if you need help with your projects. **On going**
Action 3: Colin MacD to send out doodle poll to get dates for next meeting **Complete**

4. Feedback from Board meting of 15 July 2021

Board if there was anything specific that the Delivery Group wanted them to look at. Yvonne's presentation on the Lost Village Project was well received and they are keen to have more presentations from partners.

Action 1: Volunteer project need to give a presentation to Board meeting in the new year.

5. Project Supervisors Report

Colin MacDonald went through the report as per report sent out with agenda.

The Chair asked about the difficulties with the National Galleries art school project in Cumnock and Carolann explained the situation that arose at a planning meeting and that now we have taken a back seat in delivery but still supporting the project.

6. Project Updates

Place Names – Simon Taylor. The 3 members of our team (Prof. Thomas Clancy, Dr Eila Williamson and myself) took part in the Dalmellington Launch Event on 9 July. Business was slow but some very useful contacts were made. Unfortunately our dedicated researcher and activities organiser, Dr Eila Williamson, left the project in September because her 1 year contract had come to an end. This impacts especially negatively on the outreach and local activities side of the project, e.g. place-name workshops, place-name walks, talks to local groups etc. Of course all these activities had to be put on hold because of Covid and they are only now able to start. Eila's main work during lock-down was focused on the Place-Name Database, which analyses all OS names in the 5 parishes of CCLP, and which will eventually become an online resource. Since lock-down end we have been making up for lost time on the activities front. We have had live meetings with members of the Cumnock and Dalmellington History Groups and Ploughing Up the Past. Place-name walks are being firmed up in collaboration with them – so far, one starting and finishing at Highhouse Bing, Auchinleck via part of Dumfries House Estate; and one using a core path starting and finishing in the centre of Dalmellington.

Thanks to Eila for her hard work over the last year.

Colin McKee offered support from CCLP/EAC with community engagement.

Action 2: Carolann to send contact details for Frazer Stone to Simon.

Lugar Parish Church – Isabel. Work now started on replacing church floor. Very scary as a lot of dry rot was found. Target to have floor down and pews in for Remembrance Sunday in November. Thanks to Elaine Stewart for securing funding from SUEZ for the work. Looking for help from Bruce with gardens surrounding the church.

Action 3: Colin MacD to get in touch with Bruce to let him know about possible work.

Sense of Place – Jemma. Started discussions with Ochiltree Parish Council and Dalmellington Parish Council about holding Sense of Place workshops. Links to Place names project.

Lost Villages – Arthur. Highlight was a walk Arthur did with Cllr Filson to the sites of Benwhat and Burnfoothill. Cllr Filson has a film of a reunion he organised with former residence which he will share with the project. Yvonne also visited Lethanhill. Interviews are under way and more volunteers to be trained in October.

Simon Taylor asked if the film would be available to others.

Colin McKee asked Colin MacD to speak to Cllr Filson about acquiring a copy of the film.

Action 4: Colin MacD to speak to Cllr Filson about obtaining a copy of the film.

Attainment through Archaeology – Becca.

The first group has gone through the skills programme. From Robert Burns Academy. Only got as far as the Rugby Club. Issue around permissions to work in schools and also to leave schools to go on trips. Waiting for the evaluations to come back. The next programme will run from the 26th of October with another group from The Robert Burns Academy.

Have to chase up Dalmellington and Auchinleck primaries as well.

Linked up with Yvonne at the Lost Villages project about the possibility of working together. Also possibility to work with the Lugar Church project.

School Green Gym – Rosie. New to post and slow start due to PVG checks and getting in to schools. Can only work in 4 schools per week, 3 classes a day and 1 campus a day.

Hope to get in to Robert Burns Academy after the October break to start some work and Doon Valley and Auchinleck after the Christmas holidays.

Musical Celebration of the Coalfields – Rufus. 'The Moss and the Cosmos' film will be shown at the Sound Festival in Aberdeen 19-24th October 2021.

Next lot of workshop discussions to be held in start of 2022.

Hedgerow Habitats – Jamie. Moving in to winter with village clean ups etc. 4k more hedge row whips ordered to arrive in November. Struggling to recruit young trainees. They are leaving to go to better paid work.

Marie offered to publicise the opportunities through the Biosphere when they were ready.

Action 5: Jamie to get in touch with Marie when ready to advertise for trainees.

Connecting Communities – Elaine. Busy! Mountain biking project still looking to secure funding and the land. Working with Dalmellington Parish Development Trust on this. Working with other groups to secure funding for new projects. Highlighted good feedback from NLHF visit by Fiona about working with partners outside the CCLP.

Coalfields to Wildwoods – Peter. 2 guided walks were held in the autumn and were well attended. Looked at native woodlands and collected seeds which will be grown on to saplings to be planted next year. Made seed bombs with Logan and Littlemills primary schools. Waiting for poly tunnels to be set up on some school sites – delays due to contractors. Site meeting with Forest and Land Scotland about planting at Skears.

Action 6: Elaine to let Peter know when poly tunnel at the ZONE is ready so that seed sowing event can be held.

7. Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

Colin MacDonald had a chat with Simon Lees about putting together a 1 year report by the end of October 2021 based on figures reported so far for the whole CCLP.

8. Finance

Match funding issues – Colin highlighted that over all match funding was OK but that we are working with the mountain bike project and the Doon Valley Railway to secure their remaining funding.

Claims to CCLP – No issues to report and there were no questions.

Elaine mentioned a new paper that has just come out from Scottish Govt called Just Transition https://www.gov.scot/publications/transition-fairer-greener-scotland/ which will have funds attached to it.

9. Risk Register and Health and Safety

Risk register was circulated with the agenda and there were no comment or changes suggested.

10. Sub Groups

Finance sub group was held on the 31/08/21 – Marion, Lynn Smith, Neil McKenna and Elaine Stewart attended. Presentation from Kieran Daly from Social investment Scotland. Kieran discussed a potential new fund and will be in contact once it is launched. A discussion on how to achieve the maximum from potential windfarm monies. Lynn Smith discussed the monies available to some communities through REF.

11. AOB/ Partners updates

Marie thanked Carolann and the team for all the hard work that went in to organising the CCLP launch event and the MP's visit.

12. Meeting Dates for the Year

Meeting dates to be arranged to align with Board meetings.

Action 7: Colin MacD to send dates for next year's meetings once the Board have set their dates.

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