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Delivery Group

Meeting 6 Minutes

Date: 11th January 2022 **Time**: 10-11.30am **Venue**: MS Teams

Attendees:

Colin MacDonald (CCLP Project Supervisor	Laura Curtis-Moss (Coalfield Environment Initiative)
Jenna Cains (Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere) Chair	Peter Livingstone (EADHA)
Carolann McPhillimy (CCLP Project Officer)	Rosie Strachan (The Conservation Volunteers)
Arthur McIvor (University of Strathclyde)	
Elaine Stewart (Coalfield Regeneration Trust)	
Becca Barclay (Archaeology Scotland)	
Jamie Campbell (Netherthird Community Action Training)	
Lyndy Renwick (Forest and Land Scotland)	
Isabel Campbell (Lugar Parish Church)	
Cynthia Bahi (CCLP Project Officer)	
Marion Wyle (Lugar Parish Church)	
Bruce Davidson (East Ayrshire Woodlands	

Apologies:

Louise Murphy (East Ayrshire Leisure), Thomas Clancy (University of Glasgow),), Dr Yvonne McFadden (University of Strathclyde), Gordon Thomson and Archie Thom (Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group – Doon Valley Railway), Gillian Barrie (Green Action Trust), Jennifer Martin (The Cumnock Tryst), Emily Hay (Coalfield Environment Initiative), Rufus Sullivan (The Cumnock Tryst), Kay McMeekin (Cumnock History Group), Adrienne McGeechan (Sector Development Officer (tourism and food and drink), East Ayrshire Council), Colin McKee (Heritage Projects Coordinator, East Ayrshire Council), Simon Taylor (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 30th June 2021 were distributed and they was no amends.

3. Actions and Matter Arising

Action 1: Volunteer project need to give a presentation to Board meeting in the New Year. **Ongoing**
Action 2: Carolann to send contact details for Frazer Stone to Simon. **Complete**
Action 3: Colin MacD to get in touch with Bruce to let him know about possible work. **Complete**
Action 4: Colin MacD to speak to Cllr Filson about obtaining a copy of the film. **Complete**
Action 5: Jamie to get in touch with Marie when ready to advertise for trainees. **Complete**
Action 6: Elaine to let Peter know when poly tunnel at the ZONE is ready so that seed sowing event can be held. **Complete**
Action 7: Colin MacD to send dates for next year's meetings once the Board have set their dates. **Complete**

4. Feedback from Board meting of 15 July 2021

Board pleased with progress so far and first year's performance.

5. Project Supervisors Report
Colin MacDonald went through the report as per report sent out with agenda.

6. Project Updates

Lugar Parish Church – Isabel and Marion. Work well underway. New floor now in and glass partition up. Kitchen in and new toilet. Look at coffee machines and computer suite. Middle pews and heating in. Working with Lost Villages project with the possibility of having a student doing some work.

Thanked Bruce for the work that the MAs carried out in tiding the garden in time for Remembrance Sunday. It was very well received.

Sense of Place – Jenna. Ochiltree Parish Council has become 5th Biosphere community. Looking to work on a community woodland and mapping local walks. In 2022 looking to work with Dalmellington, Netherthird and Lugar and Logan.

Lost Villages – Arthur. New blog entry regarding the showing of Benwhat reunion film. Have gathered 296 items relating to the lost villages. This material will be written up in the autumn. More training of volunteers in Jan 2022. Student placement being organised for Lugar Church and Lost Villages project. Going to widen scope to other lost villages.
Looking to organise local memory workshops, Covid permitting.
Oral history training taking place in Jan 2022 and invite put out to partners.

Jenna said that Biosphere would be interested in a tie up on oral history.

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Attainment through Archaeology – Becca. Two 5 week programmes have been run as well as 2 one day taster programmes. They will be running a course with an alcohol and drug recovery group in Jan 2022.

School Green Gym – Rosie. Courses run at Hillside school and Robert Burns Academy. Good feedback. Loch Norris primary to start 5 week programme in Jan 2022 and Patna primary in March 2022.

Hedgerow Habitats – Jamie. 3rd batch of hedges being planted. Funding secured from East Ayrshire Council for improvements in Netherthird village. New shrub beds in nature walk site. Getting young trainees on Kick Start as well as from EAC. Working on securing further funding for the project.

Connecting Communities – Elaine. Busy! Events co-ordinator post to be advertised week beginning 10th Jan 2022. Post funded by CRT. CRT have purchased the old Royal Bank building for use by the Development Trust.

Mountain Bike – Elaine. Moving slowly. Constitution for DPDT to be submitted to Oscar after some changes. Speaking to Sports Scotland about extending the deadline for stage 2 funding. Need to set up meeting with Hargreaves.

Peatlands/Pollinators/Healthy Rivers – Laura. Quiet winter. Waiting on hearing back from Peatland Action application. Emily working with schools and new poly tunnel at the ZONE. Healthy Rivers project due to start in Spring 2022.

Coalfields to Wildwoods – Peter. Seed sowing at the polly tunnel at the ZONE. Wanting to do more work with Netherthird. Lagan and Little Mill primary polly tunnels to be set up. Looking for site for planting.

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North Kyle – Lyndy. Internal meeting on 20th Jan to discuss on how to move master plan forward. New regional manager keen to move things forward. Looking to further engage with Brockwells on their wind farm proposal and its impact on master plan. Work progressing on Skares site.

Modern Apprentices – Bruce. First 3 due to complete in March. Time to recruit 3 more to start in April 2022. Other work carried out by team in Patna and Cumnock.

7. 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. Please let CCLP team know of any extra funding secured.

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

8. Risk Register and Health and Safety

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

9. Sub Groups

   No updates.
   Action 5: Cynthia to send out invite for legacy group at end of Jan 2022.
   Action 6: Carolann to send out dates for meetings this year.

10. AOB/ Partners updates

    Jenna – Biosphere has **free** guide training in March 2022.
    The National Galleries art school project in Cumnock had a successful 'town take' over day. More activity planned for 2022.

11. Meeting Dates for the Year

    20th April 2022 10am-12pm

    5th July 2022 10am-12pm

    3rd Oct 2022 10am-12pm

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