



COMMUNITY GREEN INITIATIVE
Dunipace, Denny & District

Meeting of Management Committee
27th August 2015 7.00 – 9pm
Upstairs Function Room, Red House

Present

Tracy McNeil – Chair

John Watson – Vice-chair

Christine Bell – Treasurer

Peter O'Donnell

Les Wallace

Jean Weir

Guest – Robin Miller Keep Scotland Beautiful (until 8pm)

Apologies

Donna Heaney

Graham Stirling

Heather Stirling

1.0 Welcome

Tracy welcomed all to the meeting.

Discussion was held as to the walk around the area prior to the meeting with Robin Miller, an Assessor for KSB It's Your Neighbourhood, discussing CGI, its beginning, members and projects to date, and ideas for progression in the future.

The walk had taken place with 3 CGI members, TMcN, LW and JWE.

We thanked Robin for his visit, and the way in which it had reminded us also of what we had achieved, and reawakened our passion for more to be done.

A collection of photographic evidence was shown and a CD copy given to Robin. A CGI self-evaluation had been circulated to committee members for comment and would be revisited following the feedback from KSB. A copy to be emailed to Robin Miller.

Reason for new venue explained to other members – access to Dunipace Church was inaccessible with no clubs on, and no Church members available to open the hall for us. Quick decision made as to nearest venue, and thanks to the owners of the Red House for allowing use of their facilities at short notice.

2.0 Minutes & Matters Arising from June Meeting

2.1 June Minutes Approved by LW and Seconded by JW.

3.0 Treasurer's Report

CB advised balance at end of July 2015 - £1728.72

4.0 Membership

Maggie Laidlaw's membership application (by email) was approved.

5.0 Correspondence

5.1 Denny Charrette Funding Application: JW, CB, PO, TMcN had attended the open night at Denny Education Centre on 20th August, 2015. This proved to not be the announcement of the awards for funding. Information surrounding the projects by the Charrette over their contract was given, and public asked questions. Results to be announced within the week. CGI during the summer applied for funding to complete the information panel at the Chestnut Tree.

5.2 7/9/15 – Wildflower Meadow Management Event – TMcN unable to attend, JWE hopes to if possible. CB attending on behalf of CATCA.

Action

JWE

5.3	<p>Reading Room Church let/Discussion about Venue – although this was due to be discussed, tonight’s situation brought this to a head. Other venues discussed such as YM, Baptist Church and Heritage Rooms. Also night. In first instance TMcN to ask John Jack if Heritage Rooms free on the 4th Tuesday of the month.</p> <p>It was agreed that a donation of £50 be made to the church for the previous use of the Reading Room and a note of thanks be sent.</p>	
		TMcN
5.4	CVS Falkirk Registration – JWE agreed to look at the registration form.	JWE
5.5	JWE agreed to coordinate a contacts database.	JWE
6.0	Ongoing Business	
6.1	<p>Herbertshire Castle Park Update –</p> <p>Concerns were raised about the litter in the park. CGI volunteers had done an ad hoc litter pick in the bottom park area. It was suggested that FC Litter Strategy Team/Community Safety Team be informed.</p> <p>TCV and FC ETU have been involved in projects in the park over the summer. The major work is the bank stabilising at the steps using timber from the cleared/thinned areas of the park. They have also done some litter picking. CGI is grateful for their involvement in park improvements.</p>	
6.2	<p>Fair/Shows September – TMcN advised that it had been brought to her attention that a fairground would be in Herbertshire Castle Park from Tuesday 5th September, 2015 until Sunday 20th September 2015. Due to the short time scale she had emailed on behalf of CGI the local Councillors to ask questions regarding the car park, congestion, litter, grass area, local groups use (such as football teams). Email answers were supplied. A copy of email available on request. JW and CB had been included in email link and discussion held with them before email had been sent.</p>	
7.0	Litter Picks & Green Dog Walkers Promotions	
	To be discussed fully at next meeting – Halloween litter pick 31 st Oct.	
8.0	Funding / Fundraising	
9.0	New Leaf News/Media/Publicity	
9.1	CB advised deadline may change due to workload and Fraser Johnston who is working on it starting Uni. Update at next meeting.	
10.0	Community Liaisons & Projects	
10.1	<p>Tree/Shrub Planting OVO Energy Trees/TCV – JWE and LW discussed best types of trees. LW found more information. JWE to delay ordering the free trees/shrubs, due to storage and best time to plant, while also decision to be taken on where trees can go.</p>	JWE
10.2	Winchester Ave Entrance – Ongoing discussions with Blueton re cladding.	CB /
10.3	<p>War Memorial Garden –JWE suggested future discussion with schools/youth groups and War Veterans Group. PO agreed to wait for future meetings to discuss.</p>	JWE
10.4	<p>Changing Areas/Porta cabins top park – TMcN advised awaiting word back from football groups. There appears to be confusion over Dunipace Juniors site and ‘Gala Park’ for new portacabins being offered by Falkirk Community Trust. Await info. John Marshall happy for containers on top park to be removed. Goal post poles to remain until checked with FCT. PO agreed to look into scrap merchants removing containers.</p>	PO
11.0	AOB	
12.0	<p>Dates to Note</p> <p>CGI Meetings – DDHS Heritage Room if available – TMcN email members to confirm.</p>	TMcN