



Meeting of Management Committee
25 June 2015 7.00 – 9pm
Reading Room, Dunipace Parish Church

Present

Tracy McNeil – chair
Peter O'Donnell
Yvonne Telford
Les Wallace
John Watson
Jean Weir- minutes

Apologies

Christine Bell
Donna Heaney

		Action
1.0	Welcome Tracy welcomed all to the meeting.	
2.0	Minutes & Matters Arising from March Meeting	
2.1	The March minutes were approved by Les Wallace and John Watson.	
2.2	Matters arising - 6.0 TMcN has been finding out more about the storage units in the Top Gala Park. Further discussions to be arranged. The dog fouling survey is still to be done in the park. 12.1 Congratulations to a number of CGI members who were part of the winning team 'The Outsiders' who won the Gala Shield in April. Thanks were extended to Kirk Watson, Quiz Master, and the organisers of this Gala Fundraising event. 12.2 The wall on Milton Row has now been repaired by volunteers from the local community mainly CTRA. CGI Insurance Cover had been explored but was not required.	TMcN
2.3	NB No formal business meetings April & May see Items 7.2 and 11.1	
3.0	Treasurer's Report In the absence of CB, JWE reported that the balance is £1938.50. Outstanding - £459.99 due for NLN. £150 from FC for the Denny Charrette pages in NLN and £100 from the Gala Committee, to be deposited. B/F - £1728.51 TBC	
4.0	Membership No new membership applications. M Laidlaw to be contacted re her possible application.	TMcN
5.0	Correspondence	
5.1	Keep Scotland Beautiful – It's Your Neighbourhood Robin Miller, KSB assessor, had been in contact re the KSB assessment of CGI projects. JWE outlined the assessment points system used by the assessor. It was suggested that dates in late August be offered.	JWE
5.2	SCVO Celebrating Communities Award –CGI not shortlisted	
5.3	Tesco Community Awards - funding application unsuccessful	
6.0	Herbertshire Castle Park	
6.1	A group of volunteers involved in dock clearing on 8 May.	
6.2	CGI has discussed with Denny PS Nursery staff suggested improvements that would enhance the children's Outdoor Learning experiences. JWE and CB met with J Paterson FC and TCV staff in the park to discuss possible projects eg woodland floor clearance/habitat piles, R Carron access improvements, bank stabilising at steps, whinstone viewing area repairs.	
6.3	It was agreed that a Master Plan for the Park would be a good idea.	

6.4	LW had noticed that ivy had been cut from the bottom of some trees. He spoke of the importance of ivy. Also noted cherry laurel an invasive species near the viewing area.	
7.0	Litter Picks & Green Dog Walkers Promotions	
7.1	April – Saturday 19 April Skinflats litter pick.	
7.2	Thursday 23 April 6-8pm - Instead of the formal committee meeting CGI organised an evening litter pick in the Carronvale/R Carron paths/Winchester Ave area. 20 volunteers & 30+ bags collected. A warm welcome was extended to 2 students (from Germany and China) who came along to help. They were interested to find out more about CGI’s work and about the local community. JWE encouraged people to take part in the KSB #2minutecleanup campaign. KSB Bags were handed out.	
7.3	Friday 24 April JWE took part in the litter pick organised by FC Litter Strategy Team in memory of Michelle.	
7.4	Denny Primary School organised litter picks WB 27 April as part of their Eco week. JWE and German student Laura were able to see them in action as part of their school visit. Thanks to Steve Ratcliffe for arranging a scenic tour for Laura.	
7.5	25-28 May Denny High School Litter Picks. CGI supported the School Eco Committee by promoting the community litter picks that took place each afternoon. JWE volunteered on the first afternoon. It was encouraging to see the pupils’ involvement.	
7.6	Unfortunately CGI was unable to take part in Canine Capers held at the Helix June 13. TMcN agreed to check if Apex Vets will be having their Open Day and if so if any CGI committee members were available.	TMcN
8.0	Gala Day The Gala on 23 May in the Gala Park was another great success. Congratulations to the organisers from CGI. This year CGI did not have a stall but instead concentrated on litter control. Thanks to Greggs for the treats supplied for volunteers. CGI is very grateful for the £100 donation from the Gala Committee. Thanks to FC Litter Strategy Team for the litter pickers and hoops which were available for this and future CGI events. CGI needs to purchase gloves.	JWE
9.0	Funding / Fundraising Sources of funding to be checked out eg Earlsburn Possibly follow up requests from businesses re project at entrance to Winchester Industrial Estate.	All JWE/ CB
10.0	New Leaf News/Media/Publicity	
10.1	There has been a lot of positive feedback for the Special Edition of New Leaf News dedicated to Michelle which was published in April. Many thanks to Fraser Johnston for producing an excellent first edition as editor and all the contributors. The next edition is due in September. Contributions deadline 16 August.	
10.2	Help with updates to the website was discussed. PO’D offered to help. JWE to contact Claire Muldoon at G7 for advice.	JWE
10.3	There was a discussion on promoting/publicising CGI especially through social media. TMcN to find out about increasing access to CGI Twitter & Facebook accounts.	TMcN
11.0	Community Liaisons & Projects	
11.1	Committee members had attended a number of the Denny Design Charrette events held during 28-30 May. They were well organised. Instead of the CGI May 28 meeting, five of the committee participated in the Brainstorming & film screening event. Thanks to the Charrette Team.	

11.2 CGI/CATCA/Denny HS – Entrance to Winchester Avenue Improvement
This project is still ongoing. CGI is grateful to local businesses for their continuing support. The wall has been repaired by Strangs. Blueton have provided primer and paint for the bench which will be painted by volunteer(s) during the summer. They are also providing the cladding for the wall. It was agreed that CGI would cover an additional cost of £150 and perhaps seek donations.

It is suggested that the wording cut out on the wall cladding be -
Welcome to Denny and Dunipace - Winchester Industrial Estate
JWE/CB to contact Blueton

11.3 CATCA update – Congratulations to Fraser Johnston who won the CVS Falkirk Youth Volunteer of the Year

The Dorrator Bridge Opening on 16 May had been a great community event.

11.4 Congratulations to St Patrick’s PS – Finalists in Scottish Education Awards – Parents as Partners

11.5 CGI links with local youth groups to be encouraged.

12.0 AOB

The lack of public toilets was discussed.

PO’D gave an update on the flag being planned for Denny & Dunipace.

A garden area at the War Memorial was discussed.

The Third Force News publication was available.

LW has Wildlife ‘Tooth & Claw’ Panels available.

13.0 Dates to Note

CGI Meetings 27 Aug, 24 Sept, 22 Oct, AGM Friday 30 Oct

Halloween Litter Pick 31 Oct 10-12 Herbertshire Castle Park Party 1-3pm

Heritage Rooms. TMcN to enquire about potential clash of events in park and book rooms.

KSB Wed 28 October Annual Awards Albert Halls Stirling

**JWE/
CB**

TMcN