



COMMUNITY GREEN INITIATIVE  
Dunipace, Denny & District

**Meeting of Management Committee**  
**26 August 2010 Heritage Rooms 7.00 – 9.45 pm**  
**Draft Minutes by Jean Weir**

**Those present**

**Christine Bell**  
**Michelle McCallum**  
**Mick McIntosh (Chair)**  
**Tracy McNeil**  
**Chris Munro**  
**Peter O'Donnell**  
**Graham Stirling**  
**John Watson**  
**Jean Weir**  
**Hilary Muir and 2 members from Falkirk Allotment Society.**

**Apologies**

**Kevin Fairclough**  
**Sian Fairclough**  
**Donna Heaney**

- |            |  | <b>Action</b> |
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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Guest Speaker – Falkirk Allotment Society FAS</b>   |               |
| <b>1.1</b> | The chair welcomed guests and new CGI members to the meeting.  |               |
| <b>1.2</b> | Hilary Muir (Chair of FAS) spoke to the group about the work of the FAS. She gave details of the background to the group and how they were formed. It has been set up for about three years and its initial work was lobbying FC and other landowners to identify possible sites for allotments. They currently have over 80 members. FAS has been successful in being offered the lease of a walled garden from FC. Details of the allotments at Bantaskine were given. It was a very important and exciting time for them as the official handover from FC and the handover of keys was going to take place on 3 September. There are 18 plots in the walled garden. It is the aim of the society to have allotment sites in all areas of FC and the group is currently working with the Helix project and Forth Valley Health Board to identify possible sites. The discussions then concentrated on the interest in Denny for allotments and the need for the identification of possible sites. Further information about FAS can be found at <a href="http://www.falkirkallotmentsociety.org.uk">www.falkirkallotmentsociety.org.uk</a> |               |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Matters Arising from AGM</b>  |               |
| <b>2.1</b> | At the AGM in June the office bearers from last year were re-elected.  |               |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Minutes/Matters Arising from May Meeting</b>  |               |
| <b>3.1</b> | The minutes of the May meeting were not tabled. They had been emailed in June and put on the website. They would hopefully be approved at the next meeting in September.   | <b>All</b>    |
| <b>3.2</b> | Jean Weir agreed to take the minute of the August meeting and reminded the group that minute taking on a rotational basis had been agreed as a good idea at our April meeting.   |               |

3.3	JWe raised one matter arising from the May meeting re First Aid. BTCV run First Aid Courses. The September course was full. Other dates are 8-10 Nov, 13-15 Dec, 21-23 Feb Cost £89 for CLAN members. It had been agreed that CGI should have a first aid kit. This still needs to be researched.	JWE
3.4	TMcN informed the group that she would be taking her First Aid course in October.	TMcN
4.0	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
4.1	CB stated that although there is over £8000 in the bank most of this is linked to specific projects. Only £236 is unfenced money. There is a need for fundraising. Fundraising already identified relates to GDW leads and mugs and the 2011 calendar.	
5.0	<b>New Hours Heritage Rooms</b>	
	MMcC and CB intimated their plans to be available in the Heritage Rooms – Michelle Tuesdays 10-1pm and Christine Thursdays/Fridays 10-1pm.	
6.0	<b>Path Event 1-4pm Sunday 26 September Plan</b>	
6.1	CB and JWE gave an update on the planned event. The official path opening is to take place at 1pm at the Meadow Court entrance to the Rosebank Community Woodland. People will be encouraged to travel by different methods along the path to Denny High School where there will be refreshments and activities.	CB,DH, JWE
6.2	On the afternoon of Monday 30 August CGI members and Kirstie Henderson from Living Streets will be working with a DHS group as part of the plans for the opening.	CB, JWE
7.0	<b>Funding</b>	
7.1	Roy Bogle is putting in an application to FET as part of the CTRA Dunipace Beautification Project.	
7.2	MMcC would be seeking funding through FET and CSFLA for such things as Insurance, First Aid, gazebo, and computer. There was a discussion about the purchase of a laminator. It was questioned whether our use would warrant the cost of one as it was possible to have access to one and/or pay for laminating as necessary.	MMcC
8.0	<b>Media – Falkirk Herald</b>	
	Chris McCall is the new reporter.	
9.0	<b>Media – New Leaf News</b>	
	The next edition is due out in September.	MMcC et al
10.0	<b>SCVO</b>	
	TMcN made available the SCVO Training Programme.	
11.0	<b>HELIX Environment Group</b>	
	The work is ongoing.	
12.0	<b>Canine Capers / GDW stalls</b>	
	Canine Capers and the Little Denny Road TRO CATS event had been really successful. GDW also had a stall at the Plean Country Park event. Michelle expressed her thanks to those who have helped at recent events especially at Canine Capers.	
13.0	<b>GDW 4 September Glasgow</b>	
13.1	CGI would be represented at an event in Glasgow.	
13.2	CGI had been invited to the Denny Town Centre event on Sunday 5 Sept. Unfortunately due to the short notice of this and other commitments CGI would not be in attendance this year.	MMcC

<b>14.0</b>	<b>Herbertshire Games 18 September</b> CGI would have a stall and would organise litter collection.	
<b>15.0</b>	<b>Halloween Litter Pick</b> It was agreed that the Litter Pick would be on Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> October at the Gala Park.	
<b>16.0</b>	<b>Community Liaison</b> There were plans for a display to be set up at Sainsburys promoting CGI projects.	<b>MMcC</b>
<b>17.0</b>	<b>Schools Update</b>	
<b>17.1</b>	JWE reported on links she had made with the Active Schools Coordinators for the Denny/Dunipace Primary Schools. Two possible links with CGI are the Ready, Steady, Bikes programme at various schools and Health Promotion Days at St Patrick's.	
<b>17.2</b>	DHS links are ongoing. CGI/Living Streets meeting with group 30 August	
<b>18.0</b>	<b>Japanese Knotweed (JKW) Update</b> A report is being produced. It was mentioned that FC is working on four patches (map not available).	<b>MMcC</b>
<b>19.0</b>	<b>Desire Paths Project Update</b> There is a request to all for information about any of the 12 paths identified for the calendar. It is hoped that there will be a follow up paths project.	<b>All</b>
<b>20.0</b>	<b>Green Dog Walking Marketing</b> MMcC gave an update of GDW marketing. Mugs and leads were available at the meeting. A flier is being produced to help with promotion.	
<b>21.0</b>	<b>George Skelton Commemoration</b> A Walk and a Blether is being organised at the Heritage Rooms on October 2 <sup>nd</sup> for friends of the late George Skelton.	
<b>22.0</b>	<b>Community Woodland</b> JWE informed the group that there were free Tree Planting Packs for Community Groups through Woodland Trust. There was a brief discussion about the Rosebank Community Woodland.	
<b>23.0</b>	<b>Dates to Note</b> Date of Next Meeting - 23 September Path Opening - 26 September Halloween Litter Pick - 30 October JWE gave her apologies that she would not be at the next meeting.	<b>MMcC</b>