



COMMUNITY GREEN INITIATIVE
Dunipace, Denny & District

Meeting of Management Committee
22 April 2010 Heritage Rooms 7.00 – 9.00 pm
Draft Minutes by Jean Weir

Those present

Christine Bell
Michelle McCallum
Tracy McNeil
Peter O'Donnell
Graham Stirling
Jean Weir
Roy Bogle (CarronVale Tenants and Residents Association / CTRA)

Apologies

Kevin Fairclough
Sian Fairclough
Heather Muir
Mick McIntosh
John Watson
Donna Heaney

		Action
1.0	Welcome Michelle McCallum took the chair in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair. Michelle opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present. She indicated that the main purposes of the meeting were to find out about the work of Living Streets and to finalise the plans for the Annual Spring Clean on Saturday 24 April. Most of the usual topics would be tabled at the next meeting in May. She introduced Kirstie Henderson from Living Streets Scotland.	
2.0	Presentation by Kirstie Henderson Living Streets Scotland Kirstie is an Engaging Communities Officer. She gave a very interesting and informative PowerPoint presentation. She spoke enthusiastically about the work she has been involved in across Scotland. Her work is based on working with communities to help them be as effective as possible in improving their neighbourhoods. Living Streets works with people to create safe, attractive and enjoyable streets, where people want to walk. Kirstie was able to give information about the type of support that could be available to support local projects in the Denny & Dunipace area. Discussion followed her presentation. Roy Bogle (CTRA) spoke about the Dunipace Community Garden and Milton Row Trees Project and possible involvement with Living Streets. He submitted a proposal to Kirstie and a copy to CGI. It was also suggested that a CGI proposal to promote Denny Safer Routes to School using the local upgraded path network could also be explored with Living Streets. It was agreed that Kirstie would meet up with representatives from CTRA and CGI to visit and walk the proposed project areas. Meeting arranged for 6pm Thursday 27 May prior to the next CGI meeting. Copies of the powerpoint and a Living Streets booklet were distributed, with extras for those not at the meeting.	R Bogle C Bell J Weir

3.0	Minutes of March Meeting	There were no minutes available.	
4.0	Keep Scotland Beautiful Spring Clean 24 April		
4.1	<p>Much of the meeting time was given over to finalising the arrangements for the Litter Pick 10am-1pm Saturday 24th. Michelle made arrangements for materials/equipment to be collected from her garage early on Saturday morning. She would be there at the start of the event but was involved in two other litter picks at Stoneywood and Fankerton. She stated that a group from the Criminal Justice Team would be working at our event.</p>		CB JW
4.2	<p>Christine, Tracy and Jean reported back on the support given by local businesses to the request for donations to the prize draw. A couple of businesses had indicated that they were not in favour of Litter Picks as they felt it was the responsibility of the Council but overall there had been a positive response. Jean would set up registration on the day to enable the volunteers to have their names entered into the draw.</p>		JW
5.0	Funding		
5.1	<p>Michelle reported on the good news that the request for funding from Earlburn Windfarm Community Benefit Fund had been successful. The award of £4748.40 is for the next 4 issues of New Leaf News and for the 2011 Community Calendar. Michelle will give more information re timescales for the Calendar at a future meeting.</p>		MMcC
5.2	The Denny Probus Club has also given a £50 donation.		
6.0	Denny High School Update		
6.1	<p>J Weir reported on the group of DHS pupils who had walked part of the upgraded path on Wednesday 31st March. The group were able to see the work in hand and were able to make suggestions and comments about the litter in the area and the possibility of the siting of new bins. It is hoped that Falkirk Council will be able to take on board the young people's opinions. J Weir agreed to liase with the school and the Council on the issue of bins for the upgraded path.</p>		JW
6.2	It was also noted that new bins have been put in at the back of the school but there are still not enough and they are probably too small.		
7.0	Upcoming & Recent Events		
	Open Day 8 th May Fankerton Hut 11-3		
	Tree of Life Event Wed 26 th May 7pm.		
8.0	AOB		
	Christine distributed copies of the Central Scotland Green Network Prospectus and asked if people would take additional copies to pass on to others and to complete the consultation.		All
9.0	Date of Next Meeting		
	Thu 27 May 2010 7pm		