



15th Meeting of Management Committee
27th Aug 09 Heritage Rooms 7.30 – 9.30pm
Draft Minutes by Christine Bell

Purpose of meeting

- 1) General meeting to discuss current projects.

Those present

Mick McIntosh
Tracy McNeil
Donna Heaney
Michelle McCallum
Christine Bell
John Watson
Jean Weir
Les Wallace
Peter O'Donnell
Heather Muir - Denny High School
Sian Fairclough
Kevin Fairclough
Pam mcClean _ CLIMATE CHALLENGE FUND
Astrid Horward "

Apologies

Steven Ratcliffe
Graham Stirling

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1.0	Welcome Mick McIntosh opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.	
2.0	CFF Project Pam and Astrid were invited to present and discuss their experience of their Carbon Reduction programme funded by the climate challenge fund. A comprehensive overview of their activities was provided followed by an in-depth discussion of the ideas CGI would like to take forward. CGI is due to meet with a CCF advisor on 14 th Sep and wanted to get ideas of how they should approach CCF with their ideas. Ideas suggested included the cycling and paths initiatives that have been ongoing in the area and new ideas for a consultation/ survey with the community on the potential for a Carbon Reduction initiative. Both initiatives were supported by Pam and Astrid emphasising that the before and after project -carbon reduction figures need to be able to be calculated. It was agreed that a further meeting would be held on 9th Sep to finalise what initiatives should be discussed during the meeting with the advisor. The meeting thanked Pam and Astrid for their help and advice.	

- 3.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting 19th June 2009**
Mick proposed the minutes as an accurate record and was seconded by Tracy. There were no matters arising from them which required discussion.
- 4.0 Treasurers Report**
No activity since last meeting. Currently – account contains around £300 which is not allocated to a specific project. Some paint for the office was purchased by C. Bell which has still to be deducted (circa 12 pounds) and Michelle has some nominal items to reconcile.
- 5.0 Office Refurbishment**
It was explained that CGI and Heritage Society have joined forces to share the Heritage Rooms space. CGI will have the use of the office during daytime and can use the main hall for meeting by arrangement. CGI has contributed in kind by painting, cleaning and decorating the rooms since April this year. Painting is almost complete and office is almost ready to move into. All members are welcome to use the office for CGI work.
- 6.0 Japanese Knot Weed Project**
Roseanna Cunningham (Environment Minister from Scottish Gov) is due to visit CGI in the heritage Rooms on 8th Sep to discuss this Mapping project which has been undertaken by CGI. All arrangements for the visit have been made. It is scheduled for 1 hr 3 – 4 pm and will include a walk to the knotweed on site by the River Carron. The Ministers press dept will contact the media. All members welcome.
A lengthy discussion about knotweed followed.
- 7.0 SCVO Elections**
CGI put forward a candidate for a place on SCVO. There are 8 places available.
Mick was interested in becoming a nominee. CGI has been asked to vote on the 15 nominees to fill 8 places.
The list and details of nominees was passed round the meeting. A response is required by 20th October.
- 8.0 Earlsburn Windfarm Benefit Deadline**
M McCallum is currently submitting a report to the Scottish Community Foundation on how the previous funding received from them for the launching of the GDW project has gone.
An outline was provided to the meeting of the GDW project.
Michelle was able to report that she has been employed by FC on a part time basis to work on the GDW project.
- 9.0 CVS Growing Communities Funding**
Previously they funded the CGI website which is due to be launched soon. Michelle is working on this. They now have a new deadline for

more funding applications so it is suggested that CGI apply for running costs for the forthcoming year. The application has been completed for funding for information sharing. This will include publications. Ink, office programme for the computers, external hard drive, virus protection for the laptop we won for CGI, display boards, ink for printers, projector for the laptop etc. C Bell asked for the potential to request funding for fuel for delivering leaflets and attending meetings etc.

A discussion took place about funding in general led by Jean. Jean strongly suggested asking for a membership fee. It was stressed by Jean that volunteers should not be out of pocket for actual expenses. Michelle informed the meeting of the idea about charging for ads in NLN. All agreed this was a good idea. If Jean and Mick wish to pursue running cost funding from Chloe Hunter of FC this is approved also and McCallum will give them a list once the CVS application is in, of any items we still could ask for.

10.0 Oral History Project

It was explained that the HS and CGI both won funding for an Oral History Project. The internet connection will be supplied by joint funding awarded to CGI from BT and HS from HLF.

On the subject of the Oral History Project, Denny High School are looking to provide 4 Volunteers.

11.0 NLN Printed Autumn Version

Due to be released after 8th Sep. All volunteers to distribute welcome!! All hands to the deck on this.

12.0 Oil Spill in River Carron

Tracy reported that the spill started at the Old Denny High. A tank storing Oil at the old high school was ruptured and had leaked into the local burn feeding into the Carron. CGI will try to seek further clarification and report at next meeting.

13.0 Community Energy Scotland Seminar

This seminar was attended by C. Bell, held at Stirling University. Very inspiring. Show case seminar of projects which have been successful for other groups. CES want to encourage renewable energy initiatives throughout Scotland. For details of all projects presented at the seminar see the CES website. Too many to download and distribute. C.Bell received funding to attend this seminar from D & D Community Council.

14.0 CARP

Mick reported that he attended the last meeting, another meeting due Sep. There has been little attendance at this meeting so this group may have to fold. Mick will update.

15.0 Credit Crunch in Bonnybridge

Poorly attended and a disappointing. It was felt that the location was problematic. It was not central nor accessible easily for passers by.

16.0 Square Foot Gardening

An initiative discussed at the Credit Crunch meeting was square foot gardening. Jean Weir is partaking in this project.

It would be a good idea to have a presentation to CGI on this initiative. Michelle has discussed this and will chase up.

17.0 Herbertshire Highland Games

Due to take place on 19th Sep 09. CGI will have a CGI booth and brownie will help with this project. To be held in Dunipace Primary School Grounds.

18.0 Halloween Litter Clean UP

CGI propose to have another litter clean up so decided that Halloween being a Sat this year would be good. It would fit nicely with the relocation of the benches from the Milton Row location and so the Gala park (Herbertshire park) was chosen as an ideal spot, badly in need of another clean up.

The seating benches will be relocated in positions discussed and agreed between CGI, David Straiton of Football teams and John Banks from FC. The litter team from FC are keen to support this and have it in their diaries.

Chris Devlin from Denny High has been asking C B if there is any project which the pupils could help with which would assist with the work they are doing for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Heather agreed to discuss this litter pick with Chris as a potential project for them to help with.

SERCO, the organisation responsible for the new hospital in Larbert has requested info on any community project they could help with to fulfil their Corporate Social Responsibility commitment. CB will inform them of this and invite their help. The possibility of a marquee was discussed. John reported that the HGO organisation may have gazebos to lend us. Competitions, fancy dress and fun were all discussed.

Donna offered to help to organise this.

19.0 Raploch Project

Michelle circulated brochures of a community project which was undertaken there. All can look through this and get ideas for further projects in our area.

20.0 River Regeneration Project

Gala park proposed regeneration/enhancement has been discussed and agreed by CSFT & Angus Duncan of FC. They are planning it in to start towards the end of 2009.

Safer Routes to Schools

21.0 Update provided for all new attendees.

Currently there is 90,000K in the pot for the work on the Dunipace end. The total amount required is 150 K. The proposed upgrades will

be intended to improve the perception of safety and encourage greater use. A cycle treasure hunt or other innovative idea to encourage usage will be welcome. A brochure has to be produced to promote these paths.

Donna was in full support of this initiative and is hoping CGI can drive this initiative beyond the boundaries of Dunipace to reach tourist spots such as the Falkirk Wheel. All were in support of that idea and allow people wider scope for cycling on safe routes.

22.0 Green Careers Day

Michelle proposed the idea of hosting a green careers day sometime in 2010. It would be for P6 + P7 girls but is open to much discussion and suggestions. It should maybe not be limited to only females.

This is proposed as food for thought at the moment so the idea needs to be developed.

23.0 Heather Muir- Denny High School

CGI thanked Heather for coming to the meeting and encouraged her to attend future meetings. It was agreed that in future, the school topics would be discussed first to allow Heather to leave and travel home to Glasgow at a reasonable time.

CGI suggested to Heather that it would be useful to encourage some pupils from the school to attend the meeting.

Heather will investigate the possibilities.

24.09. Headswood Mill Right of Way

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Donna reported that there has been a public right of way, obstructed in this location. There is a buzzer installed to gain access through the site which is not acceptable for a right of way. This was done in the interest of safety. The land owners are trying to re-route the right of way. It is currently used as a circular route and would be ideal to be kept that way. It appears to be a permanent proposal. CGI to investigate further. This could be in breach of the right to roam.

25.0 NHS Community Health Conference

To be held in Carlton Hotel in Edinburgh 30th Sep. Mick proposes that someone attend from CGI. Mick offered and it was agreed he should attend. He will take promotional material from CGI.

26.0 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Heritage Rooms on Thu 24th Sep at 7pm for start 7.30p.m.