



**16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Management Committee**  
**24<sup>th</sup> September Heritage Rooms 7.30 – 10.00pm**  
**Draft Minutes by Christine Bell**

**Purpose of meeting**

- 1) General meeting to discuss current projects.

**Those present**

Donna Heaney  
Tracy McNeil  
Christine Bell  
Jean Weir  
Steven Ratcliffe  
Peter O'Donnell

**Apologies**

Michelle McCallum  
Mick McIntosh  
Sain Fairclough  
Kevin Fairclough  
Heather Muir

- 1.0 Welcome**  
**In the absence of the chair and vice chair, Christine offered to take the chair as she had been briefed with lots of information from Michelle for updating everyone. All agreed**  
Christine opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.
- 2.0 Apologies**  
Apologies were received in writing from Heather Muir of Denny High School. She had a last minute call to attend another meeting. Heather sent a full update which was read out and summarised as follows:  
Various meetings have taken place with Kay Morrison who is leading the Eco Crew at the school and many activities planned to help resolve the litter issues including an assembly dedicated to the problems. Kay is also investigating the possibilities of recycling mobile phones at school, raising awareness of recycling in general and has organised the Rag Bag Scheme collection for 27<sup>th</sup> October.  
P.C. Devlin is working with pupils towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards and will incorporate good citizenship activities in this. He has spoken with C. Bell re the possibility of mural paintings but all ideas still being gathered. Christine mentioned to P.C. Devlin (during the Denny Fun Day) about the Rock Corps concept and he was very interested in this. He was going to investigate it further. Please note Ryan Topping may be able to help with this. PC Devlin will have access to him through the Learning Support Team/ Locality Team.
- 3.0 Litter Pick Sat 26<sup>th</sup> September 10am till 12.00 noon**  
CTRA have asked for help to organise a litter pick in the Vale Estate Sat 26th Sep. Meet at the Winchester Ave Green Bridge. CGI will

**Action**

P.C.  
Devlin

	organise the refreshments and at least two members will support the event. Christine, Steve Ratcliffe and Michelle will attend. Peter will come along if available.	All
<b>4.0</b>	<p><b>CVS Funding Application</b></p> <p>Deadline for application has been extended so Michelle compiling one for the supplies as discussed at previous meeting. Mostly aspects of communications and administrative costs.</p> <p>Jean Weir stressed again that CGI members should not be out of pocket for the groups activities as this excludes members/volunteers who may wish to help but feel they can't due to personal costs incurred.</p>	Michelle
<b>5.0</b>	<p><b>CFF Funding Application</b></p> <p>C. Bell and M.McCallum attended the consultation session in Falkirk Town Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> Sep. Info gathered as follows: Funding running out, only one more panel for applications in excess of £50.000. Monthly panels will decide on applications up to £50K. CGI were encouraged to apply for the October deadline. Copy of expression of interest form was read out and circulated to each member by email. It is intended that we submit an application for the 10<sup>th</sup> Oct deadline which has three potential projects as described in the expression of interest form which include, a survey, awareness raising and a modal transportation shift project. Donna stressed the need for total transparency on this in order to protect the long term reputation of CGI and that clear guidelines will need to be sought and adhered to.</p>	Michelle
<b>6.0</b>	<p><b>NLN</b></p> <p>Need help distributing copies.</p> <p>All members are asked to help and let Michelle know where they were distributed to in order to keep a record of distribution network to attract new advertisers. All members took at least 10 copies.</p> <p>The proposal of doing a feature for a local business's green activities on a monthly basis was discussed. The fee of £100 was questioned. Proposal to ask some sample businesses to say what they would be prepared to pay. It was felt that £100 was not a lot for big organisations but way too much for small companies. It was also suggested that we could ask FEAT (Business Gateway) for advice on this.</p> <p>It was mentioned by Peter that future copies should be printed with 'please pass on once read' to encourage recycling.</p>	ALL
<b>7.0</b>	<p><b>Update on Laptop and internet connection</b></p> <p>BT laptop has arrived , we await broadband connection and funding for virus protection software. Virgin are reporting a 5 week delay for installation.</p>	
<b>8.0</b>	<p><b>Oil Spill on River Carron Tributary</b></p> <p>No change in the information from any official bodies. Michelle had a conversation with the Head Bailiff for the River – Paul Bissett who assures us that there was minimal effects on the fish and wildlife due</p>	

to the timely weather conditions which allowed the river to be very high and fast flowing during the critical time. Plant life effects will show in the spring. Paul stressed the importance of SEPA following up with enforcement ramifications.

**9.0 SCVO Election Mandate**

This has been returned with 8 nominations. C.Bell circulated the document with nominees highlighted. All agreed as ok.

**10.0 HGO Update**

Tracy updated. Litter less than last year. Brownies still eager to help. Silly string was a real issue and should be banned from these events. The birds of Prey stand was very successful. John Penman who owns Cloybank (Ecological Centre) sponsored the stall and invited CGI to have a visit to his new estate/ business. All expressed an interest in learning more about this. Checkout the Cloybank website.

ALL

**11.0 River Park Regeneration Project**

C.Bell updated on the meeting with Angus Duncan and CSFT . This will be pursued further in Oct/Nov. CB also met with John Banks and David Straiton of the football team to look at relocating the benches for the Heritage Rooms to the Gala Park. 3 locations were agreed for football spectating, 1 in the upper park and 2 in the lower park. One remaining bench and picnic bench will be retained until the regeneration takes place which should include viewing areas etc.

CB

**12.0 Mural Brochure**

It was discussed that Michelle felt we should go ahead with the mural brochure to avoid further delay rather than wait on paths upgrade. There was mixed views on this. May need to look at the reasons again. Suggest we revisit next meeting as it is unlikely that there would be time to do anything about it before then.

**13.0 Safer Routes To Schools**

Still £35K to find to make up the £140K necessary for the Dunipace upgrades. C.Bell will contact Angus Duncan of FC and CSFT for update.

CB

**14.0 Upgrade on Play Equipment in Denny Parks**

No update supplied in Mick's absence.

**15.0 Roseanna Cunningham's Visit**

Visit went very well indeed. The rain even stopped for the duration of the walk to the river/inspection site!!

Roseanna has expressed how impressed she was with CGI and the knowledge and professionalism surrounding the project. Michael Matheson has put forward a notion in the Parliament to acknowledge CGI for the JKW work and other initiatives.

We will submit our response about the psyllid issue prior to the 19<sup>th</sup> Oct deadline. We have opted to support it cautiously in line with the feedback we have received from our members and the JKW surveyors.

Michelle

- 16.0 GDW Update**  
Michelle now working 2 days/week with FC on the GDW project. The meeting talked about the potential that exists for Dog Walkers to Walk Dogs in the area. JW may investigate further as a personal interest. Michelle reported that we are talking with merchandising expert to explore the potential for CGI to handle GDW promotional material / goods. Michelle meeting FC lawyers within next few weeks to discuss and finalise the trade mark etc. Vets will be pursued to advertise as will many others. Hand sanitizer sprays have been developed and are given free by FC at moment. This was one of CGI's ideas and will be pursued further by them.  
**C.Bell showed the Falkirk Council News which showed the new hard hitting ads re dog fouling. All members agreed they would go to the Litter Zone section of the FC website and complete the community feedback form.** ALL
- 17.0 Denny to Beaully Power Lines**  
Steve Ratcliffe raised this topic requesting an update. C.Bell was able to confirm that there was a presentation given at the Sep CC meeting and that the PLI is complete and the Reporters are currently making their decision. Nothing more can be done until the decision is made which should be released soon. Once decision is made there may be scope to act on objections again.
- 18.0 Potential Landfill Waste Site at River Carron in Larbert/Carron Ironworks area**  
Tracy raised some concerns that she had heard about the potential for this proposal. C. Bell had read an article in the FH re this being proposed by ORAM. CGI to make enquiries re the details and what is proposed. CB
- 19.0 Halloween Litter Pick 31<sup>st</sup> Oct**  
Donna heaney is coordinating this event and had prepared a very detailed table of all activities to be carried out. Donna will email a copy to all members so all can help. Donna will allocate tasks to all who expressed an interest in assisting. Michelle had provided some notes and contact details for the meeting, these details were passed on to Donna. Donna raised the possibility of maybe getting the schools to allow group call to inform parents of the up and coming community events. Donna will talk to Dunipace primary but suggests it will probably have to be a decision made by the Local Authority rather than a school by school process. We suspect the process will be complicated to get agreement on, albeit makes sense. ALL
- 20.0 Meeting Closed**  
Date of next meeting **Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct**(as 4<sup>th</sup> Thu of month).