



COMMUNITY GREEN INITIATIVE  
Dunipace, Denny & District

**20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Management Committee**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010 Heritage Rooms 7.30 – 10.00pm**  
**Draft Minutes by Christine Bell**

**Purpose of meeting**

- 1) General meeting to discuss current projects.

**Those present**

Tracy McNeil  
Jean Weir  
John Watson  
Sian Fairclough  
Kevin Fairclough  
Peter O'Donnell  
Michelle McCallum  
Christine Bell  
Gary Clark – Central Rio Football Coach

**Apologies**

Mick McIntosh  
Steve Ratcliffe  
Donna Heaney

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome</b> John Watson our Vice Chairman took the chair in the absence of Mick who is still on holiday. John opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present. George Callaghan who was due to attend the meeting to give a report on cycle paths has had to call off at the last minute. He will try to attend the next meeting.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the Jan meeting</b> The minutes were approved as an accurate record by Tracy and seconded by Michelle.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Insurance</b> Michelle investigated the situation and included it was not feasible to go in with DDHS on this. The cost was inhibitive against the true value of our assets which amount to approx £1700 most of which is not stored in the Heritage Rooms. A bigger issue is that in order to be covered for contents on DDHS's insurance, we would have to pay for the entire package including public liability at close to £300 annually. We already have paid BTCV for our public liability at £190 annually, it would be redundant not to mention unaffordable. We will however enquire about contents insurance of our own. Sian will search for some prices, but depending on the price, it may not be worth it. CGI are covered for public liability through BCTV	SF

#### **4.0 Denny High School Update**

Due to the severe weather Heather did not manage to attend which is understandable due to the long journey she has to get home. Jean will contact Heather to offer to be the school CGI liaison contact and can provide an update at any time if Heather keeps her posted on anything she wants to report.

JW

#### **5.0 Treasurers Report**

Balance as of 26<sup>th</sup> Feb is £1196.67

An update was recently prepared by Michelle whilst doing a recent funding application and the accounts are now ready for entering into an excel spreadsheet. It is anticipated that Bob McCallum will help set this up.

Glynn Hawker has also offered to independently check and endorse the accounts when prepared in this format.

CB

#### **6.0 Climate Challenge Fund**

It was jointly decided by the application group that on receipt of feedback on the first draft application that the requirements of the CCF were too far removed from what we as CGI set out to achieve, and their deadline was moved on short notice giving us not enough time to proceed. It was decided to withdraw the application on this occasion.

Many thanks to who contributed to the endless hours of work it took to put this together, it was certainly a challenging experience and a valuable learning opportunity.

#### **7.0 CVS Growing Communities Fund Application**

We have been informed by Muriel at CVS that this is still being assessed and indications are that we may be successful in receiving funding for some aspects of the application. Yet to be confirmed.

#### **8.0 NLN**

FET have agreed they can contribute to funding the March issue  
An application has been submitted to the Earlsburn fund for further editions. Michelle is working hard on trying to secure advertisers to help with funds for future editions. So far the response from advertisers has been very good and we are able to pay for half the costs of the March issue, for starters. Several advertisers have committed to a full year of advertising, giving us a cushion to rely on which is a good beginning.

Spring edition should be ready for distribution by 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in March.

#### **9.0 Rangers Walks**

Falkirk Council has planned a series of fantastic guided "Source to Sea" River Carron based walks this spring/summer for all to enjoy. They must be booked on advance and a brochure with details will follow shortly. Some of them are focused in the Denny area.

10.0

**Green Dog Walkers**

Kennel Club Award

GDW has been shortlisted for an award by the Kennel Club and we have been invited to London to an awards ceremony. FC is willing to send Michelle but it was felt that CGI should be represented. Christine has offered to go and represent CGI at her own personal expense.

GDW Concentrated effort to publicise the scheme in Denny & Dunipace were discussed at length.

Gary Clark attended from Central Rio under 14's and is happy to support this where possible.

It was agreed that a series of booths would be manned in the area during the month of March and a big rally type event is the Gala Park in Dunipace on 27<sup>th</sup> March which will enlist the help of all the local football teams and kids.

The contact name for Dunipace Thistle is Dougie McBride

Ideas discussed were: attract major publicity, images of the piles of poo being lifted from the park before matches kids with placards parading the park in their football strips wearing armbands,

Installing huge copies of the Filthy, dirty, selfish posters on the large fence facing the street.

Keep up the work on the booths around town.

Try to get wardens on patrol at the home games to catch offenders

ALL

11.0

**Drainage and Pot holes on the Football Park**

Gary asked if the community could support asking FC for work on the parks as they are full of holes and the drainage is awful.

C.Bell will write a letter from the Community Council

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12.0

**Flood Defence**

Michelle to ask Christine to inform Bill Strasshiem when the date of the next meeting of this team is confirmed. He has volunteered to be involved.

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**Paths for All: Art on the Path, Alloa, 17<sup>th</sup> March; Local Paths Local People Battleby SNH Headquarters Event 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Michelle will give a presentation on our murals project entitled "Belonging and Possibilities" at Alloa event; Jean has volunteered to attend the Battleby event to represent CGI

JW

14.0

**Trees at side of Road close to Topps**

Peter enquired if anyone knew about tree planting at side of the road near the Carron Bridge. No one knew any detail but CB will make enquiries at next CSFT board meeting

CB

15.0

**Paths upgrades**

Christine has posters to erect to inform of the paths upgrades about to start in March on the Safer Routes to Schools from Dunipace to Denny High. She has also been distributing leaflets for door to door

CB

drops in the area.

The boundary at Pit Stop Garage is still a problem but SEPA are dealing with it.

**16.0 Energy Saving Monitor**

Jean has been using the monitor and finds it very interesting. It has influenced some changes she has made to her energy use habits. It will be passed round the group for all to use as discussed.

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**17.0 Denny High School Health Fair**

Is due on Wed 24<sup>th</sup> March

Tracy will attend as Aromaway and any CGI members who are available can attend.

**18.0 Application to Earlsburn Windfarm Fund**

Michelle has applied to this fund for contributions for a 2011 calendar on the Paths/Access issues in the town and for NLN editions.

The decision panel meet on the 31<sup>st</sup> March

**19.0 SCVO**

Tracy brought some magazines and distributed.

**20.0 Gala Park Upgrades**

Christine has been in touch with Mike Ewart of the CSFT to move forward with the proposed improvements to the River Side at the Gala Park Dunipace, following up from the feasibility site meeting we had last June 2009. Mike is currently off work but will deal with it on his return.

**21.0 Tree of Life Event**

Meeting on Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> March in John Murning's house. Michelle will attend. The proposed event date is Wed 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

MMC

**22.0 Plean Country park**

Sain attended the last meeting. It was suggested that Robert Hunter could be contacted and asked for an update from the SC perspective.

**23.0 Date of Next Meeting**

Thu 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010