



COMMUNITY GREEN INITIATIVE  
Dunipace, Denny & District

**Meeting of Management Committee**  
**27 May 2010 Heritage Rooms 7.30 – 9.45 pm**  
**Draft Minutes by Jean Weir**

**Those present**

Christine Bell  
Michelle McCallum  
Mick McIntosh (Chair)  
Tracy McNeil  
Peter O'Donnell  
Graham Stirling  
John Watson  
Jean Weir  
Roy Bogle (Carronvale Tenants and Residents Association / CTRA)

**Apologies**

Kevin Fairclough  
Sian Fairclough  
Donna Heaney  
Heather Muir  
Kirstie Henderson  
(Living Streets)

		Action
1.0	<b>Minutes / Matters Arising</b>	
1.1	The minutes of the April meeting were approved and seconded by Michelle McCallum and Christine Bell.	
1.2	Jean Weir agreed to take the minutes for the next two meetings and suggested that the minute taking be done on a rotational basis. It was agreed by the group that this was a good idea.	
1.3	The meeting with Kirstie Henderson from Living Streets Scotland had to be rescheduled. It was agreed that a small group representing CGI and CTRA would meet her on Thursday 24 June 6-7.30pm.	CB, JWe RB
2.0	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	CB reported that two very successful funding applications have resulted in a balance of £8577.36. CGI is grateful for the Earlsburn Funding of £4748.40 for the NLN and the 2011 Calendar and CVS Funding of £2869.00 for Publicity and Equipment. The Chair expressed his appreciation of all the work involved in securing the funding.	
3.0	<b>CTRA Heritage Beautification Project</b>	
3.1	Roy Bogle (Chair of CTRA) outlined a proposal for Trees for Gala Park in addition to the initial proposal for Dunipace Heritage Garden and Milton Row trees. He was seeking endorsement for the proposals from CGI. A discussion followed about the proposals. Varying views were expressed about the proposal for the Trees for Gala Park. It was felt that further consultation would be required with regard to changes in the Gala Park.	
3.2	CGI was happy to endorse the proposal for the Heritage Garden and Milton Row Trees and it was agreed that a letter of endorsement for the initial proposal be sent to CTRA to support their FET funding application which is due in by 7 June.	MMcC & MMcI
3.3	It was also suggested that endorsement might be sought from the Community Council.	CB

3.4	<p>RB raised matters relating to the upgrading of the old railway line path eg grass seeding, thinned trees being left lying, litter bins.          CB agreed to contact the Forest Trust.          He also requested consultation about a possible mural.          Roy then left the meeting.</p>	CB
4.0	<p><b>Date for 2010 AGM</b>          Friday 25 June 7-8pm was suggested for the AGM, followed by a social event. Notice to all to be sent out at least 21 days in advance.</p>	MMcC
5.0	<p><b>Funding Earlsburn 2011 Calendar Project</b>          A sub-committee was formed for this project. First meeting 2 June.</p>	MMcC CB,PO'D TMcN?
6.0	<p><b>Media – Falkirk Herald</b>          CB &amp; MMcC had a productive meeting with the editor Colin Hume. As a local person he is very supportive of CGI initiatives, especially the proposed opening of the upgraded path.</p>	
7.0	<p><b>Media – New Leaf News</b>          It is hoped that the online version will be available 5 June and the print copy w/b 7 June. There are about 500 subscribers and the procedure for online distribution should be easier in the future. More people have volunteered to distribute the paper copy.</p>	MMcC et al
8.0	<p><b>SCVO</b>          Discounts are available for members.          Availability of advice for the group to be checked out.</p>	TMcN
9.0	<p><b>HELIX Environment Group</b>          MMcI reported his concerns about the proposal for a hotel and the cutting down of trees. He still questions the consultation process.          CB was not sure about a hotel being part of the project and would check out the HELIX website.</p>	CB
10.0	<p><b>Possible Official Opening of Upgraded Path</b>          CGI is in favour of an official opening possibly in September.          JW is liaising with Bespoke Bikes and DHS on trying to get the input of young people in the planning of the event.          Suggestions for the opening include – Cycle proficiency, Bike Checks, BMX event, Treasure Hunt. Any suggestions gratefully received. It will be important to involve representation from all path users.          An idea of the date for completion would be helpful.</p>	CB,JWe
11.0	<p><b>Oral History DVD</b>          The DVD produced as part of the joint CGI / Heritage Group Oral History Project will be shown on 11 June at the Heritage Rooms 7.30pm</p>	
12.0	<p><b>Dog Fouling Task Force</b>          The plan to hold an event on 1 May at the Gala Park had been postponed due to the Denny Town Centre event on the same day. CGI and the local footballers are still very keen for this to go ahead. This will be on hold until the autumn when football will resume in the park.</p>	
13.0	<p><b>Scottish Kennel Club – Green Dog Walkers Promotion</b></p>	
13.1	<p>CB &amp; GS attended the event on Sun 23 May. It was a very good day and they were very well treated. There was a lot of support for the GDW project. It appears that Falkirk Council is way ahead of other authorities with regard to bags and bins.</p>	

	CB & GS commented on the type of stands of other groups and their presentation. It was agreed that some of the CVS funding for publicity could be used for CGI GDW events to give a more professional look at events. Items such as a Gazebo and clothing were discussed.	MMcC CB, GS
13.2	CGI GDW has been invited by Canine Concern to attend their event in Queen's Park Glasgow on 6 June. GS has volunteered to go.	GS
14.0	<b>KSB April Spring Clean 24 April</b>	
14.1	The event was very successful. 45 volunteers registered. The Criminal Justice team helped also. Certificates were created for all the young volunteers. CGI and 12 local businesses provided the prizes for the prize draw, which was completed by MMcI, CB and JWe. Thanks were expressed to all those who had helped with the event. 155 bags of litter and a few trucks full of fly tipping were removed.	
14.2	The matter of First Aid was raised. It was agreed that a First Aid Kit be bought. A register of people who have First Aid training would be helpful. GS is due to be trained as part of his work and John Watson is interested in any training that might be available.	By ?
14.3	It was noted that one area had not been cleared as planned due to the injury of one of the Criminal Justice team. MMcC agreed to contact the Criminal Justice Team to request the work to be carried out.	MMcC
15.0	<b>Meeting of Local Businesses and Schools</b>	
	TMcN and JWe reported back on a meeting with Mike Bryant (Sainsbury's) and Catherine Wilson (FC). A suggestion from that meeting was that CGI host a meeting of local businesses and schools in September to discuss measures for tackling litter issues. CGI would not be able to offer this due to other commitments. A suggestion was that a letter could be sent to businesses inviting them to a Forum in Spring 2011. M Bryant would be informed of the decision.	MMcC TMcN
16.0	<b>Denny High School Update</b>	
16.1	The litter strategy group were surveying the school bin provision and making suggestions for improvements. There have been discussions about the PSE programme and there are plans to re-vamp lessons for S1 and S2 for next session. If anyone knows of any good resources, materials and ideas the school would welcome information about them. It is planned for S1 classes to do a litter pick throughout the session. The school newsletter will now be available on the school website and no longer sent to parents so saving paper. A new section on the website includes a link to the CGI website. The school would welcome any suggestions for improvements. A CGI member was disappointed that the recent newsletter did not mention the group of pupils who had volunteered to give up their own time to take part in the April Litter Pick.	JWe
16.2	Jennifer Terris (FC) and JWe will be working with the school on 11 June. The intention is to buy some lunch and walk back to school and survey the bin situation. The group will feedback their findings from their walk along the upgraded path.	JWe
17.0	<b>Japanese Knotweed (JKW) Update</b>	
	Information is still coming in from volunteers who have taken part in the survey. The deadline for the report is 13 June.	MMcC

18.0	<b>MSP Survey</b>	The results have been delivered to selected households. The results paper will be scanned to allow the results to be available to everyone.	MMcC
19.0	<b>Green Dog Walking Fundraising Proposal</b>	An offer of a loan to cover the initial outlay of merchandise has been made. MMcC has volunteered to guarantee the loan amount. A sub-group was formed to look at the options for fundraising. The first meeting will be on 8 June at 7.00pm	MMcC, CB GS, JWe
20.0	<b>Charitable Status &amp; VAT</b>	SF and JWe have agreed to research these topics and will report back at a future date. It was suggested that Stuart Johnston of the Heritage Group could be contacted about their experience with Charitable Status.	SF/JWe
21.0	<b>Living Streets Meeting</b>	Meeting with Kirstie Henderson Rescheduled for 24 June 6.00-7.30pm	CB,JWe RB
22.0	<b>Heritage Rooms Security</b>	The attempted break in was discussed. Security of the rooms is the responsibility of the Heritage Society.	
23.0	<b>AOB</b>	JWe reported on her discussions with Bespoke Bikes about the BMX Park redevelopment. Dirt had been sourced from Cloybank and Denny Tippers were willing to give their support.	
24.0	<b>Dates to Note</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Thu 24 June 2010 <b>NB</b> This meeting will only be for a few to meet with Living Streets Scotland and CTRA Roy Bogle.	
		The AGM will take place Fri 25 June 7-8pm Social event afterwards	
		Canine Capers Sun 11 July 2010 Callendar Park <u>12.00-16.00</u>	