THE DAVA WAY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held 19th November 2019

Venue: The Hub, 20 Tolbooth Street, Forres, Moray, IV36 1PH

Meeting Opened: 19:00

Item	Minute				Action By
0 0.1	NS reminde Way Associ must elect (any further o	ection of Office-Bearers S reminded those present that, under clauses 67 and 68 of the Dava ay Association (DWA) Constitution, the DWA Board of Trustees (BoT) ust elect (from among themselves) a chair, a treasurer, a secretary and y further office-bearers considered appropriate. The following office- arers were duly elected:			
	Chair Treasurer Secretary	Paul Barron	Vice Chair Dep Treasurer	Robbie Roberts Neil Sinclair	
0.2	Regulator (0 serving cha	hat he would consult the DSCR) guidance to con rity trustees need to be a Trustees Annual Repo	firm whether an reported to the	y changes to the list of	РВ
1	Welcome:	Neil Sinclair chaired th	he meeting and	welcomed members.	
2	Present:	Malcolm Campbell (MC Neil Sinclair (NS), Norm Pete Mitchell (PM), Rob Pery Zakeri (PZ)(Develo	han Thomson (NT bbie Roberts (RR)), Paul Barron (PB),	
	Apologies:	None.			
3		<u>he AMM 05/11/19</u> : The /M) held on 05/11/19 w			
	Proposed:	MC	Seconded:	RR	
4	Matters Aris	ing from the meeting 0	5/11/19		
4.1	AMM 8.2:	MC reported that he h OSCR. Action closed		e DWA TAR to the	
4.2	AMM 8.4:	(see Item 16.1 below)			
4.3	AMM 8.5:	(see Item 16.2 below)			
4.4	AMM 8.6:	(see Item 16.3 below)			
4.5 4.6	AMM 10.4: AMM 12.2:	(see Item 14.3.3 below (see Item 11.1.4 below	,		
5	Minutes of t	he previous meeting 15 d on 15/10/19 were rea	5/10/19: The min		
	Proposed:	PB	Seconded:	MC	

6	Matters Arisi	ng from the meeting 15/10/19	
6.1	Ref 4.3:	MC reported that Historic Environment Scotland (HES) at Dallas Dhu have placed the concrete railway distance markers, unearthed from alongside the Dava Way (DW) during the sewage pipe upgrade works, in a pile at the side of the DW close to the ramp at Mannachie Avenue. Action closed.	
6.2	Ref 4.2:	MC reported that he has contacted the Forres Action Community Trust (FACT) representative and registered the DWA for the volunteer element of the FACT volunteer database scheme. Action closed. There was some further discussion about how the FACT scheme works and how best to publicise work party dates. MC will let the FACT representative know that DWA work parties normally occur on the second weekend of the month and potential volunteers should register their interest using the email <u>dwfriends@davaway.org.uk</u> . PZ offered to add a notice about upcoming DWA work parties to the Finderne Development Trust (FDT) e- newsletter. PZ will receive advanced notice of work parties through the draft minutes of DWA BoT meetings.	MC
6.3	Ref 5.7:	PB reported that the TAR was signed off by the DWA accountant prior to the DWA AMM. Action closed.	
6.4	Ref 6.1.1:	MC reported that he has emailed Marc Hindley of Canary Dwarf and declined the offer to redevelop the DWA App. Action closed.	
6.5	Ref 6.1.2:	MC reported that PM provided him with a DW waymarker disc and this has been sent to Darren Moody. Action closed.	
6.6	Ref 6.1.2:	MC reported that TT provided him with contact details for Yvonne Joss, project lead for the <u>project to regenerate</u> <u>Forres town centre</u> , particularly the square at the north end of Tolbooth Street. MC has written to Yvonne and suggested the incorporation of signage marking the start/end of the DW and Moray Coastal Trail. Action closed.	
6.7	Ref 6.1.2:	TT reported that he has written to CNPA to see if it is possible to erect signage marking the start/end of the DW in Grantown-On-Spey square. The erection of signage in the square is a sensitive topic, but the addition of directions to the Dava Way on existing tourist signage at the junction of Seafield Avenue and the High Street may be acceptable. However, such signage will come under the remit of the Highland Council. Action closed. TT showed a photograph of the tourist sign mentioned above and proposed that the DWA should investigate adding the words Dava Way and the DWA logo. Agreed unanimously. TT will provide PB with the dimensions of the sign, text height, etc. PB will investigate the cost of having a replacement sign manufactured and approval for its installation.	TT, PB

6.8	Ref 6.1.3:	NT reported that he has contacted Dan Cottam at Grantown Museum and provided appropriate details about the history of the railway at Dava and the surrounding communities. The museum will shortly be hosting an exhibition about the	
6.9	Ref 6.1.4:	Dava crofts. Action closed. MC reported that he has been in touch with Outfit Moray about the <u>Cairngorm to Coast</u> event planned for 23/05/20. Outfit Moray will provide the DWA with more details nearer to the date of the event. Action closed.	
6.10	Ref 6.1.5:	MC reported that he has registered two delegates for the <u>Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland</u> (OATS) Conference, to take place on 30/04/20. The delegates will be nominated nearer the date of the event. Action closed.	
6.11	Ref 6.1.6:	NS reported that, in the end, nobody from the DWA attended the Moray Speyside Tourism <u>annual conference</u> on 08/11/19. PZ reported that she attended and noted that there were several interesting talks and workshops. She encouraged DWA representation at any similar events in the future. Action closed.	
6.12	Ref 6.2.1:	TT reported that he has forwarded contact details for NS (Chair) and MC (Secretary) to the <u>Perth and Kinross</u> <u>Countryside Trust</u> (PKCT) via Peter Crane, Head of Visitor Services at CNPA. NS and MC reported that the PKCT have not contacted them so far. Action closed.	
6.13	Ref 9.1.1:	(see Item 11.1.1 below)	
6.14	Ref 9.1.2:	(see Item 11.1.2 below)	
6.15	Ref 9.1.3:	(see Item 11.1.3 below)	
6.16	Ref 9.4.1:	(see Item 11.4.1 below)	
6.17	Ref 9.4.2:	(see Item 11.4.2 below)	
6.18	Ref 9.5.1:	(see Item 11.5.1 below)	
6.19	Ref 9.5.2:	(see Item 11.5.2 below)	
6.20	Ref 9.5.3:	(see Item 11.5.3 below)	
6.20	Ref 9.7.1:	(see Item 11.3 below)	
6.23	Ref 9.7.2:		
0.23	Rel 9.7.2.	PB reported that the 20 tonnes of quarry dust have been delivered to Dava. Action closed.	
6.04	Ref 9.7.3:		
6.24	Rei 9.7.3.	MC reported that he has obtained permission to prune back	
		the trees adjacent to the Dava estate track. Action closed.	
6 0F	Def 10 1.	PM will arrange for Greg McAulay to carry out the pruning.	PM
6.25	Ref 10.1:	(see Item 12.1 below)	
6.26	Ref 11.1:	(see Item 13.1 below)	
6.27	Ref 11.3:	(see Item 13.3 below)	
6.28	Ref 12.1.1:	(see Item 14.1.3 below)	
6.29	Ref 12.1.4:	(see Item 14.1.4 below)	
6.30	Ref 12.2:	(see Item 14.2 below)	
6.31	Ref 12.3:	(see Item 14.3 below)	
6.32	Ref 12.7:	(see Item 14.4.1 below)	
6.33	Ref 13.3:	(see Item 15.2 below)	
7	Treasurer's F	Report	
, 7.1		that a balance of £7,551.94 is in the DWA account.	
7.2	Significant In		
1.2	£ Nil		
7.3	Significant E	xpenditure.	
1.0	•	to Forres Scouts; donation for GTW assistance	

	-	
7.4	 £ 245.00 to Gordon Scott; accountancy fees (2 years). £ 259.41 to Greg McAulay; repairs to fingerposts. £ 247.48 to Leiths; purchase of quarry dust. Anticipated Income: 	
7.5	 £ Nil Anticipated Expenditure (from DWA funds): £ 20.00 to Royal British Legion Grantown-On-Spey; donation for 	
7.6	GTW assistance (not cashed) £ 44.71 to Moray Council; signage. Anticipated Expenditure (covered by external funding): £ Nil	
7.7	RR reported that 1 st Forres Scouts have expressed their thanks for the very generous donation they received from the DWA for their assistance at the Ghost Train Walk (GTW) event.	
8 8.1 8.1.1	Correspondences To the Secretary 11/11/19 Moray Walking and Outdoor Festival Feedback MC reported that he received an email from the Moray Walking and Outdoor Festival organiser containing feedback about the DWA GTW	
8.1.2	event. All the comments were very positive; MC read out a sample. 11/11/19 John Muir Trust Questionnaire MC reported that he received an email from the <u>John Muir Trust</u> containing a questionnaire about how organisations raise funding, what has worked and what has not. MC has completed and returned the questionnaire.	
8.1.3	13/11/19 Scottish Government Social Enterprise Questionnaire MC reported that he received an email from Scottish Government containing a questionnaire about <u>Social Enterprises</u> in Scotland. MC has completed and returned the questionnaire.	
8.1.4	13/11/19 Moray Council Draft Corporate Plan Engagement Event MC reported that he received an email from the Community Support Unit at Moray Council announcing that an engagement event to discuss a Draft Corporate Plan will be held in Elgin on 26/11/19. The email contained very little information but TT suggested that the event could be related to the <u>Moray Council Corporate Plan</u> , outlining council spending priorities. NS proposed that the DWA should not be represented as the subject matter did not appear to be of interest. Agreed unanimously.	
8.1.5	13/11/19 Edinkillie Village Hall Public Meeting MC reported that he received an email from the Edinkillie Community Association announcing a public meeting to discuss the future of the hall, to take place at the hall 17:45 27/11/19. NS proposed that he should	
8.1.6	 attend. Agreed unanimously. NS will attend the meeting. 18/11/19 Dava Station Clock MC reported that he received an email from a Dennis Walker, who received the remains of the Dava station clock some years ago. He has had the clock fully restored and offers it for sale to the DWA for £2,000. Following a discussion of options, it was decided that the DWA would not have a suitable location to mount the clock, the former Dava Station now being a private dwelling. NT suggested that it would be nice to have a photo of the clock for the archive. MC will write to Dennis Walker to decline his offer and ask if he could provide a photograph of the clock for the DWA archive. MC will suggest 	NS
	that he contact the current occupant of the former Dava Station, as he	

8.1.7	may be interested in purchasing the location. 18/11/19 Berry Burn Windfarm Ext MC reported that he received an e consultation events for the <u>Berry B</u> 11:00 to 15:00 21/11/19, Rafford V	ension mail from Statkraft UK Ltd a surn Windfarm extension; E fillage Hall 14:00 to 18:00 2	announcing dinkillie Hall 2/11/19,	MC
8.2 8.2.1	Forres Town Hall 11:00 to 15:00 2 the neutral stance taken by the DV Trustees may wish to attend as pri Other Correspondence Clash Gour Windfarm Planning Ap NS reported that he received a par Energy, providing an update on the <u>Gour Windfarm</u> . It is available to D			
9 9.1	Feedback Footfall Counters PM reported the following readings Dunphail (not read) Lochenoun – 13/11/15 to 09/11/19 12,576 (12,642 – 66) Lynmore (not read) NS reported the following readings Dallas Dhu – 15/03/15 to 01/11/19 106,042 walkers	s from RR:		
9.2	13,701 cyclists Other ; email, Facebook, etc. (Nothing to report)			
10 10.1	Dava Way Merchandise Sales and Stock			
	Companions (NT) 427	Badges (MC)	26	
	Companions (NS) 93			
11 11.1 11.1.1 11.1.2	opportunity to refurbish/replace more progress work on the remaining bo Ref 9.1.2: Action held over. NT rep approval of a final draft for the upd information boards located at Dun a print of each final draft and propo	ported that he has not had to be of the information board bards when time allows. borted that Big Sky Print ins lated replacement panels for phail and Dulicht Bridge. N	s. He will isted on or the Γ circulated	NS
	unanimously. NS sought confirmation from NT the same plastic laminate material as take one of the original panels with NS will provide NT with one of the NT will place an order with Big Sky replacement panels; content as ap	the originals and suggested n him to show to Big Sky Pr original information board p / Print for the printing of the	I that NT int. panels. two	NS

11.1.3 11.1.4 11.2 11.3	NT will fully review the content of each information board and present details of any proposed changes to the DWA Trustees for comment.	NT, NS NT PM
11.4 11.4.1	Action closed. Signage Ref 9.4.1: Action held over. PB will arrange installation of the official metal	
11.4.2	sign from Moray Council for the access point to the section of the DW from Loch View to Mannachie Rise. Ref 9.4.2: Action held over. PM will supply NS with replacement motor vehicle prohibition signs for installation at the south end of the Lynmacgregor embankment, adjacent to Sunnyside Cottage and the Dava North access track. NS will install the signs in conjunction with his	РВ
11.5	works refurbishing the information boards. Tooling and Equipment	PM, NS
11.5.1 11.5.2	Ref 9.5.1: Action held over. PM will circulate a suitable Excel spreadsheet to list all DWA tools and equipment held. Ref 9.5.2: Action held over. When grass cutting operations have ceased,	РМ
11.0.2	PB will take the rough cutter to MacGregors Industrial Supplies and obtain a quote for a full service and any associated maintenance/repair	
	work required.	PB

	Ref 9.5.3: Action held over. PM and PB will discuss what works are required to prepare the ride-on mower for winter lay-over and make arrangements for these works to be carried out. RR proposed that the DWA should have a second root puller manufactured as root pulling productivity was not keeping pace with cutting and chipping on the recent work party. Agreed unanimously. PM will take the current root puller to AJ Engineering and have another one made, but with a lighter specification handle to make it easier to use. Quarry Dust Path Surface Maintenance Operations	РМ, РВ РМ
	(Nothing to report)	
11.7 11.7.1	Priorities for Next Work Party and Mini Work Parties PM proposed that the next WP should be held 14/12/19 and the following	
11.7.1	tasks should be carried out:	
	 Quarry dust the filled ruts south of Dava. 	
	Progress clearance of the wood-lined channels either side of the	
	 trackbed through the Heatherbells Cutting Progress grass cutting/strimming at the Lynmore Diversion 	
	(if volunteer numbers allow).	
	If weather poor, progress cutback of overhanging broom and gorse	
11.7.2	on the east side of the Rafford Bank, chip brash and pull roots. Agreed unanimously. PM will decide nearer that date what works have priority and make the necessary arrangements. PZ reported that she is working on a film project about people in the Finderne area. She asked if she could film the DWA volunteers at work during the next work party. All present supported this request. PM will	РМ
	inform PZ about arrangements for the next work party.	PM
12 12.1	<u>Health and Safety</u> Review of DWA Health and Safety Management System Ref 10.1: Action held over. TT will liaise with Jim Patterson and provide	
12.2	him with any assistance he requires to take the project forward. First Aid Kits The DWA first aid kits are held by MC, PB and PM. The completeness	TT
12.3	and serviceability of each kit was confirmed. Injury Reports and Incidents (Nothing to report)	
13	Dava Way Publicity	
13.1	Local, Regional and National Publications Ref 11.1: MC reported that he has submitted an article promoting the fact that 100,000 walkers have used the DW since 2015. It was published in	
13.2	the <u>Forres Gazette 08/11/19</u> . Action closed. DW Facebook Group PM reported that the DWA Facebook group <u>Friends of the Dava Way</u> now has 411 members. Details of upcoming WP and completed works are	
13.3	promoted through the group. DW StoryMap App Ref 11.3: Action held over. TT will continue development of the DW	
	StoryMap application.	TT
13.4	•	TT

14	Funding Opportunities	
14.1	Finderne Development Trust	
14.1.1	MC reported that he contacted Sustrans to ask about National Cycle	
	Network (NCN) designation for the DW. They have replied that the DW is	
	not included in their current key project Paths for Everyone; the focus is	
	on improving the existing NCN routes to make them safer and more	
	accessible. Sustrans did point out that if the DW was to be designated as	
	an NCN route at some point in the future it would need to adhere to the	
	new design principles. One of these principles would require the entire	
	length of the DW to have some type of sealed path surface, e.g. asphalt	
	or bonded resin.	
14.1.2	TT reported that a grand opening will be held 30/11/19 for the Speyside	
	Way upgrade element of the Craigellachie to Carron Hub project. Funding	
	of £810,000 came from the European Regional Development Fund	
	(ERDF) > Transport Scotland > Energy Saving Trust - Low Carbon Travel	
	and Transport Challenge Fund. TT suggested that a similar project could	
	be feasible for Finderne, using an upgraded DW to link communities to	
	Forres.	
14.1.3	Ref 12.1.1: Action transferred. MS stated that the DWA need to formulate	
	a Strategic Business Plan to identify what the organisation wishes to	
	achieve, how and within what timescales. A Memorandum of	
	Understanding (Terms of Reference) would then identify those aims	
	common to both the DWA and FDT and formalise the relationship	
	between the two organisations. An Action Plan would then be drawn up to	
	detail what actions the two organisations will carry out together.	
	MS proposed that, with his background in project management, he should	
	draft the DWA Strategic Business Plan. Agreed unanimously.	
	MS will draft the DWA Strategic Business Plan and submit it to the DWA	
	Trustees for comment.	MS
14.1.4	Ref 12.1.4: Action held over. NS will sign the Terms of Reference for the	ivie –
	Dava Way partnership working project between the DWA and FDT.	NS
14.2	Tesco Bags of Help	
14.2.1	Ref 12.2: Action transferred. MC reported that Doug Hartley is still	
1 1.2.1	awaiting the shortlisting result for the bid he has submitted to the <u>Tesco</u>	
	Bags Of Help scheme for the purchase of a second rough cutter. MC will	
	keep in contact with Doug and monitor progress.	МС
1422	From Doug's notes, MC added that the scheme grants are now capped at	
1 1.2.2	£2,000 and must be match funded by the recipient organisation. TT noted	
	that the potential £4,000 pot far exceeds the £2,619.00 cost of a second	
	Billy Goat rough cutter and suggested that the money could instead be	
	used to fund digger work to improve the drainage in the Clashdhu Cutting.	
	MC will obtain a copy of the wording used in the bid submitted by Doug to	
	see if it is ambiguous enough to allow such a change of purpose.	МС
14.3	Tesco Centenary Grant Scheme	WIC .
14.0	Ref 12.3: TT noted that the deadline for bids to the <u>Tesco Bags of Help</u>	
	Centenary Grants scheme has passed. Action closed.	
14.4	Other Sources of Funding	
14.4.1	Ref 12.7: Action held over. NS will research whether funding from several	
1-77.1	Wild Things <u>supporter (funder) organisations</u> may be appropriate for the	
	DWA.	NS
14.4.2	TT noted that the <u>Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations</u> (SCVO)	
14.4.2	provide some types of <u>funding</u> and host the <u>Funding Scotland</u> site, listing	
	many sources of funding that may be applicable to the DWA. PZ agreed	
	$\frac{1}{1}$	

14.4.3	that this is a very useful site. NS will investigate membership of the SCVO and access to Funding Scotland. Ref AMM 10.4: RR stated at the AMM that funding for further training may now be available from <u>Scottish Forestry</u> through their <u>Community Fund</u> . TT noted that the DWA does appear to be a suitable candidate for funding from the Community Fund referred to on the Scottish Forestry website but there are no details of how to apply. RR or MC will seek advice from the Scottish Forestry representative at the Moray Local Outdoor Access Forum (LOAF).	NS RR, MC
15	DWA Annual Members Meeting	
15.1	NS reported that the DWA AMM was held at Forres Tennis Club, Albert St, Forres, IV36 1PR on 05/11/19. The event was well attended and there were some positive suggestions made that the DWA Trustees will take forward.	
15.2	Ref 13.3: MC reported that he purchased the food and drink for the event.	
15.3	Action closed. PB reported that he has booked the Forres Tennis Club for the next DWA AMM, to be held 03/11/20.	
16	Review of the DWA Constitution	
16.1	NS proposed that, as time was getting on, the items below should be held over for discussion at the next DWA BoT meeting. Agreed unanimously. Ref AMM 8.4: Action held over. The DWA Trustees will review the DWA Constitution and submit the draft document for discussion at a members' meeting (see clause 111 of the DWA Constitution).	DWA Trustees
16.2	Ref AMM 8.5: Action held over. Having obtained the agreement of the members, the DWA Secretary will obtain written consent from the OSCR	
16.3	for any alteration to clause 4 'Charitable Purposes' of the DWA Constitution (see clause 112 of the DWA Constitution). Ref AMM 8.6: Action held over. The DWA Trustees will prepare a Strategic Plan for development of the DW infrastructure, based on the 'Charitable Purposes' in the revised DWA Constitution. Within this action, the DWA Trustees will consider the implications of the DW becoming a recognised NCN route and quantify the obligations that such recognition may require (e.g. service level agreements for	DWA Secretary
	maintenance and repair of the path surface, changes to legal liability, etc.).	DWA Trustees
17 17.1	AOCB NS reported that the founder and first Chair of the DWA, Bruno Cawley has passed away. NS will represent the DWA at the funeral.	NS
17.2	NS noted that the memorial bench just north of the Divie Viaduct was installed by Bruno in memory of his wife. NS proposed that the DWA add a brass plaque to the bench in memory of Bruno. Agreed unanimously.	
17.3	NS will arrange for the manufacture and installation of the plaque. NS reported that he has made a provisional booking at the Mosset Inn for the DWA Annual Dinner on 11/01/20. He submitted this date and location for agreement by the DWA Trustees. Agreed unanimously.	NS
		<u> </u>

Meeting Closed: 21:20

Definition

Neil Sinclair Chairman Dava Way Association