THE DAVA WAY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held 10th March 2020

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

Meeting Opened: 19:00

Item	Minute		Action By
1	Welcome:	Neil Sinclair chaired the meeting and welcomed members.	
2	Present:	Malcolm Campbell (MC), Neil Sinclair (NS), Norman Thomson (NT), Paul Barron (PB), Pete Mitchell (PM), Robbie Roberts (RR), Trevor Thornley (TT). Pery Zakeri (PZ)(Development Mgr, Finderne Development Trust)	
	Apologies:	Michael J Sutherland (MS).	
3		he previous meeting 18/02/20: The minutes of the DWA BoT d on 18/02/20 were read and accepted without change.	
	Proposed:	RR Seconded: MC	
4	Matters Aris	ing from the meeting 18/02/20	
4.1	Ref 4.1:	Action held over. When a suitable opportunity presents itself, NS will repaint the memorial bench just north of the Divie Viaduct, installed by Bruno Cawley in memory of his wife, and install the plaque commemorating Bruno.	NS
4.2	Ref 4.2:	PB noted that it can take some time for estates to be settled and proposed that the action be closed; PB will be contacted in due course by Helen, one of Bruno Cawley's daughters, about the bequest that Bruno made to the Dava Way Association (DWA) and a minute item can be raised at that time. Agreed unanimously. Action closed.	INS
4.3	Ref 4.3:	Action held over. MC reported that he has contacted the Glasgow School of Art on the Altyre Estate again to see if they could do signage design, digital marketing, artworks, etc for the DWA. He is awaiting their response.	MC
4.4	Ref 4.4:	Action held over. MC will attend the tsiMoray event Join the Dots 2020, to be held 25/03/20 at Mansefield Hotel, Elgin.	MC
4.5	Ref 4.5:	MC and NS reported that 20 personnel from 39 Engineer Regiment at Kinloss Barracks carried out a work party earlier in the day (10/03/20). Using a JCB and hand tools, they have cleared a significant section of the west side ditch in the Clashdhu Cutting and scraped accumulated mud from the trackbed surface. Interest was expressed in carrying out further works; additional ditch clearance and the removal of overhanging trees. An Army representative will liaise with Altyre Estate and the DWA in due course re any proposed works. Action closed.	IVIC
4.6	Ref 4.32:	MC reported that he informed NT of the decision at the last meeting, that the DWA would offer modest competition sponsorship to the Forres Camera Club totalling £50; £25	

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4.7 4.8 4.9 4.10 4.11 4.12 4.13 4.14 4.15 4.16 4.17 4.18 4.19 4.20 4.21 4.22 4.23 4.24 4.25 4.26 4.27 4.28 4.29 4.30 4.31 4.32	Ref 9.1.1: Ref 9.1.2: Ref 9.1.3: Ref 9.4.1: Ref 9.4.2: Ref 9.4.3: Ref 9.4.4: Ref 9.5.1: Ref 9.5.2: Ref 9.5.4: Ref 9.5.4: Ref 9.6.2: Ref 9.7: Ref 10.1: Ref 11.1: Ref 11.3: Ref 11.4: Ref 12.1.2: Ref 12.1.3: Ref 12.1.3: Ref 12.3.1: Ref 12.3.2: Ref 12.3.3: Ref 13.3: Ref 13.3: Ref 13.3:	first prize, £15 second prize and £10 third prize, with the caveat that that DWA hold the copyright for all photos submitted to the competition, enabling those photos to be used in DWA publications, etc. Action closed. NT reported that he has liaised with the Forres Camera Club re arrangements for the competition. Action closed. NT will monitor the progress of the DWA photo competition. (see Item 9.1.1 below) (see Item 9.1.2 below) (see Item 9.1.3 below) (see Item 9.4.1 below) (see Item 9.4.3 below) (see Item 9.5.1 below) (see Item 9.5.1 below) (see Item 9.5.2 below) (see Item 9.5.3 below) (see Item 9.6 below) (see Item 10.1 below) (see Item 11.1 below) (see Item 11.3 below) (see Item 12.1.1 below) (see Item 12.1.3 below) (see Item 12.3.1 below) (see Item 12.3.3 below) (see Item 12.3.3 below) (see Item 12.3.3 below) (see Item 12.3.3 below) (see Item 13.4 below)	NT
4.33	Ref 13.4:	(see Item 13.6 below)	
5 5.1 5.2	Treasurer's FPB reported Significant In £ Nil	that a balance of £7,559.54 is in the DWA account.	
5.3	Significant E	xpenditure: to Leiths; 20 tonnes sub-base.	
5.4	Anticipated I		
5.5	Anticipated E £ 250.00 £ 366.71	Expenditure (from DWA funds): to MacGregors Industrial Supplies; rough cutter maint. to Zurich Insurance; charity insurance renewal.	
5.6	Anticipated E	Expenditure (covered by external funding):	
5.7	the DWA cha premium has the policy sh	that he has received notification from Zurich Insurance that arity insurance policy is due for renewal in April. The policy been held at £366.71 for another year. PB proposed that ould be renewed with this company. Agreed unanimously. We the DWA charity policy with Zurich Insurance.	РВ

6 6.1	Correspondences To the Secretary OATS Conference MC reported that he received an email from the Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland (OATS) inviting delegates from the DWA to book their attendance at the OATS Conference 2020, to be held on 30/04/20. The cost will be £50 per person to cover all refreshments, lunch and supporting handouts. It was agreed at the DWA BoT meeting 15/10/19 (Item 6.1.5) that the DWA should send two delegates, costs to be paid from DWA funds. NS will book the delegate places and finalise arrangements re transport, etc. Other Correspondence (Nathing to report)	NS
7 7.1	(Nothing to report) Feedback Footfall Counters MC/PM/TT reported the following readings: Dunphail (not read) Lochenoun (not read) Lynmore (not read) RR reported the following readings: Dallas Dhu – 15/03/15 to 05/03/20 111,865 walkers 14.299 cyclists	
7.2	14,299 cyclists Other ; email, Facebook, etc. PM reported that the DWA Facebook group Friends of the Dava Way now has 434 members.	
8 8.1	Dava Way Merchandise Sales and Stock	
	Companions (NT) 427 Badges (MC) 26	
	Companions (NS) 93	
9 9.1 9.1.1 9.1.2 9.1.3	Dava Way Path Works Information Board Refurbishment Project Ref 9.1.1: NS reported that all refurbishment work on the information boards has now been completed. Action closed. Ref 9.1.2: NS reported that he has installed the information board panel at Dulicht Bridge. Action closed. Ref 9.1.3: TT proposed that the action to review the content of each information board and present details of any proposed changes to the DWA Trustees for comment should be closed until a funding source has been identified. Agreed unanimously. Action closed. Unplanned Work Since Last Meeting (Nothing to report) Planned Work Since Last Meeting (Nothing to report; no work party since last DWA BoT meeting)	

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9.4	Signage	
9.4.1	Ref 9.4.1: PB reported that he has installed the official metal sign from	
	Moray Council at the access point to the section of the DW from Loch	
	View to Mannachie Rise. Action closed.	
9.4.2	Ref 9.4.2: NS reported that he has replaced the existing damaged motor	
	vehicle prohibition signs at the south end of the Lynmacgregor	
	embankment, adjacent to Sunnyside Cottage and at the Dava North	
	access track. Action closed.	
9.4.3	Ref 9.4.3: PB reported that the Roads Department at Highland Council	
	have approved the installation of replacement signage for the square in	
	Grantown-on-Spey, directing the public to the start of the Dava Way.	
	Details for green (walking route) and brown (tourism) signs were	
	submitted and the brown design was approved. Action closed.	
	PB proposed to go ahead with the replacement signage; estimated cost	
	of £100 for manufacture. Agreed unanimously. PB will arrange for the	
	manufacture and installation of the replacement signage.	РВ
9.4.4	Ref 9.4.4: PB reported that he has taken the finger from Lower Rafford to	
	Ian Douglas, Moray Access Manager at Moray Council. Action closed.	
9.5	Tooling and Equipment	
9.5.1	Ref 9.5.1: PM reported that the Excel spreadsheet for listing all DWA	
0.0	tools and equipment held has been made available to PB. Action closed.	
	PB will populate the spreadsheet with details of the tools he holds.	РВ
9.5.2	Ref 9.5.2: Action held over. PB reported that MacGregors Industrial	-
0.0.2	Supplies are awaiting delivery of some parts required for the maintenance	
	of the rough cutter. PB will monitor progress.	РВ
9.5.3	Ref 9.5.4: Action held over. MC reported that he passed his leaf blower to	
0.0.0	PM by mistake. PM will pass the leaf blower to PB and PB will obtain an	
	estimate for its repair from MacGregor Industrial Supplies.	PM, PB
9.5.4	PM reported that the blades on several of the long-handled shovels are	1 101, 1 5
5.5.4	worn and proposed that he should purchase replacement items. Agreed	
	unanimously. PM will purchase replacement long-handled shovels or	
	spares up to a value of £100.	PM
9.6	Quarry Dust Path Surface Maintenance Operations	1 141
0.0	Ref 9.6.2: Action held over. TT will organise mini work parties to clear leaf	
	fall from the Lynmore Diversion, in preparation for weed control spraying	
	later in the year.	ТТ
9.7	Priorities for Next Work Party and Mini Work Parties	
5.1	Ref 9.7: PM proposed that the following tasks should be carried out at the	
	work party to be held 14/03/20:	
	Scrape accumulated mud from the ramp surface at Mannachie Bias	
	Rise.	
	Scrape excess mud off the trackbed surface in the Clashdhu	
	Cutting and use sub-base to improve the surface.	
	 Progress clearance of ditches in the Clashdhu Cutting and 	
	investigate drainage pipes uncovered during the Army work party.	
	Agreed unanimously. PM will make the necessary arrangements.	PM
10	Health and Safety	
10	Health and Safety Review of DWA Health and Safety Management System	
10.1	Review of DWA Health and Safety Management System Ref 10.1: Action hold over TT will liging with him Detterson and provide	
	Ref 10.1: Action held over. TT will liaise with Jim Patterson and provide	TT
	him with any assistance he requires to take the project forward.	' '

10.2	First Aid Kits The DWA first aid kits are held by MC, PB and PM. The completeness and serviceability of each kit was confirmed.	
10.3	Injury Reports and Incidents (Nothing to report)	
11	Dava Way Publicity	
11.1 11.1.1	Local, Regional and National Publications Ref 11.1: Action held over. MC will submit an article about the work of the DWA and the contribution made by Bruno Cawley, to coincide with the	
11.1.2	installation of Bruno's memorial plaque. MC reported that a Press and Journal photographer attended the recent Army work party, so there will probably be a report in that newspaper. MC	MC
11.2	will submit an article and photographs of the event to the Forres Gazette and Northern Scot newspapers. DW Facebook Group	MC
	(Nothing to report)	
11.3	DW StoryMap App Ref 11.3: Action held over. TT will continue development of the DW StoryMap application.	TT
11.4	DW Website	
	Ref 11.4: NT reported that he has checked the wording of the gift aid declaration and it is now correct on the DWA website and DWA gift aid form. Action closed.	
12	Funding Opportunities	
12.1 12.1.1	Finderne Development Trust Ref 12.1.1: Action held over. MC reported that he and MS have produced draft four of the DWA Strategic Business Plan. MC requested the following additional information to complete the final draft:	
	 PB is to provide a figure for the annual DWA base running costs. NT is to provide the SNH generic figure for annual maintenance cost per mile of quarry dusted path. 	PB NT
	- PM is to provide a figure for annual DWA volunteer hours. MS will circulate the final draft document to the DWA Trustees for	PM
12.1.2	comment by the end of the month (Mar 2020). Ref 12.1.2: MC reported that he has added the agreed list of DWA priority	MS
12.1.3	projects as an annex to the DWA Strategic Business Plan. Action closed. Ref 12.1.3: Action held over. NS will sign the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Dava Way partnership working project between the DWA and	
12.1.4	Finderne Development Trust (FDT). MC reported that he and MS have produced a draft Memorandum of	NS
	Understanding (MoU) defining the relationship between the DWA and FDT. TT questioned why two documents, FDT ToR and DWA MoU, are required if they both have the same purpose. MC replied that the DWA	
	MoU will supersede the FDT ToR at some point. MC will circulate the draft MoU to the DWA Trustees.	MC
12.1.5	PZ reported that the FDT are researching the feasibility of employing a digital marketing apprentice and asked if the DWA would make use of such a service; promoting and selling products and services by leveraging	
	digital technologies such as social media, websites and email. Those present agreed that the DWA would be interested.	

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12.2	Tesco Bags of Help	
	Ref 12.2: MC reported that the bid has been accepted and the DWA	
	should be one of the charities represented in the Forres Tesco store	
	during April, May and June. It was not possible to change the purpose	
	from rough cutter purchase to drainage works. Action closed.	
	MC will monitor progress.	MC
12.3	Other Sources of Funding	
12.3.1	Ref 12.3.1: Action held over. NS will look for appropriate funding sources	
4000	on the <u>Funding Scotland</u> site and report back to the DWA Trustees.	NS
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	Community Fund administrator for a second time and has not received	MO
1000	any acknowledgement. MC awaits their response.	MC
12.3.3		
	Builders Merchants (KBM) funding scheme, the KBM Charity Fund, to	
	purchase materials to repair/replace the handrails at the Mannachie	РВ
12.3.4	Avenue Ramp. RR reported that Scotways operate a <u>Small Grants Scheme</u> and	ן י
· 2.0. 4	proposed that NS may wish to research this scheme as a source of	
	funding. NS will research the Scotways scheme.	NS
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13	Review of the DWA Constitution	
13.1	TT reported that the Purposes at clause 4 of the draft DWA Constitution	
	must incorporate terminology from the list of charitable purposes set out	
	in section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005	
	and show the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR) that the	
	'public benefit test' is satisfied. TT distributed printed copies of the revised	
13.2	wording for clause 4 for discussion and approval. Approved unanimously.	
13.2	Ref 13.1: Action held over. PB reported that two-person authentication for electronic banking is possible with the DWA account, but it is still not clear	
	how this would work in practice. PB will continue to investigate the	
	process practicality for electronic banking as detailed at clauses 107 and	
	108 of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisation (SCVO)/OSCR	
	template constitution.	РВ
13.3	PB reported that he has drafted a protocol covering the operation of the	
	DWA accounts. TT has incorporated the protocol items into the draft	
	DWA Constitution at clauses 109 to 121. PB noted that the DWA	
	Trustees are collectively responsible for the DWA accounts and should be	
	aware of the pitfalls that clauses 109 to 121 are there to protect from.	
13.3.1	TT will distribute a copy of the document "GUIDANCE: Internal financial	
	controls for charities" produced by the Charity Commission for England	
	and Wales and endorsed by the OSCR.	TT
13.3.2	All DWA Trustees will consider the risks raised in the guidance document	DWA
	and whether the suggested financial controls are applicable to the DWA.	Trustees
13.3.3		DWA
	Constitution will be discussed at the next DWA BoT meeting.	Trustees
13.4	Ref 13.2/AMM 8.4: Action held over. The DWA Trustees will review the	
	DWA Constitution and submit the draft document for discussion at a	DWA
=	members' meeting (see clause 111 of the DWA Constitution).	Trustees
3.5	Ref 13.3/AMM 8.5: Action held over. Having obtained the agreement of	
	the members, the DWA Secretary will obtain written consent from the	
	OSCR for any alteration to clause 4 'Charitable Purposes' of the DWA	DWA
	Constitution (see clause 112 of the DWA Constitution).	Secretary

13.6	Ref 13.4/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 maintenance and repair of the path surface, changes to legal liability, etc.).	DWA Trustees
14	AOCB (Nothing to report)	
15	Date of the Next Meeting: 19:00 14/04/20 at The Hub.	

Meeting Closed: 21:15

Neil Sinclair Chairman

Dava Way Association