THE DAVA WAY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held 14th Jun 2022

Venue: Zoom virtual meeting.

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), Pete Mitchell (PM), Robbie Roberts (RR), Trevor Thornley (TT).	
	Apologies:	Michael J Sutherland (MS), Paul Barron (PB).	
3	The minutes of	previous meeting 17/05/22 If the Dava Way Association (DWA) BoT meeting held on eread and accepted without change.	
	Proposed:	MC Seconded: RR	
4	Matters Arisin	g from the meeting 17/05/22	
4.1	Ref 4.1:	MC stated that he will continue to monitor progress with the proposed Ourack windfarm development but proposed that the action be closed. Agreed unanimously. Action closed	
4.2	Ref 4.3:	NS reported that he is still awaiting a decision from Hugh Kidd's family about the memorial bench and avenue of trees options. NS proposed that the action be closed pending contact from Hugh's family. Agreed unanimously. Action closed.	
4.3	Ref 6.1:	MC reported that he gave the talk on the Dava Way (DW) to the Forres Rotary Club at their meeting on the 26/05/2022. It was very well received and resulted in a donation of £500 to the DW from the organisation. Action closed.	
4.4	Ref 8.2:	(See Item 8.2 below)	
4.5	Ref 9.3.1:	(See Item 9.2 below)	
4.6	Ref 9.3.2:	(See Item 9.3.2 below)	
4.7	Ref 9.3.4:	(See Item 9.3.3 below)	
4.8	Ref 9.3.5:	(See Item 9.3.4 below)	
4.9	Ref 9.4.1:	(See Item 9.4 below)	
4.10	Ref 9.5.1:	(See Item 9.5.1 below)	
4.11 4.12	Ref 9.5.2: Ref 9.5.3	(See Item 9.5.2 below) (See Item 9.5.3 below)	
4.12	Ref 9.6:	(See Item 9.6.1 below)	
4.14	Ref 9.7.1:	(See Item 9.7.1 below)	
4.15	Ref 9.7.2	(See Item 9.7.2 below)	
4.16	Ref 9.8:	(See Item 9.8 below)	
4.17	Ref 9.9:	(See Item 9.9 below)	

4.18	Ref 9.10.1: (See Item 9.10.1 below)	
4.19	Ref 9.10.2: (See Item 9.10.2 below)	
4.20	Ref 9.10.3: (See Item 9.10.3 below)	
4.21	Ref 9.10.4: (See Item 9.10.4 below)	
4.22	Ref 9.10.5: (See Item 9.10.5 below)	
4.23	Ref 10.1.1: (See Item 10.1.1 below)	
4.24	Ref 10.1.2: (See Item 10.1.2 below)	
4.25	Ref 10.4.1: (See Item 10.4.1 below)	
4.26	Ref 10.4.2: (See Item 10.4.2 below)	
4.27	Ref 11.1.1: (See Item 11.1.1 below)	
4.28	Ref 11.1.2: (See Item 11.1.2 below)	
4.29	Ref 11.1.3: (See Item 11.1.3 below)	
4.30	Ref 12.1: (See Item 12.1 below)	
4.31	Ref 12.2: (See Item 12.2 below)	
4.32	Ref 12.3: (See Item 12.3 below)	
4.33	Ref 12.4.1: (See Item 12.4.1 below)	
4.34	Ref 13.2: (See Item 13.1 below)	
5	Treasurer's Report (via email)	
5.1	PB reported that a balance of £21,896.98 is in the DWA account.	
	Unrestricted Funds:	
	£ 12,896.98	
	Restricted Funds:	
	£ 5,000.00 Places Called Home; for Dallas Dhu Ramp project.	
- 0	£ 4,000.00 Money for Moray; for Dallas Dhu Ramp project.	
5.2	Significant Income:	
5.3	£ 4,000.00 Money for Moray; for Dallas Dhu Ramp project. Significant Expenditure:	
5.5	£ Nil	
5.4	Anticipated Income:	
0.1	£ Nil	
5.5	Anticipated Expenditure (from DWA funds):	
	£ 288.00 to Yellow Cherry Digital; software licence renewal.	
5.6	Anticipated Expenditure (covered by external funding):	
	£ 4,164.00 to Pell Frischmann from Places Called Home grant.	
6	Correspondences	
6.1	Correspondences To the Secretary	
0.1	Cairngorm to Coast	
	MC reported that he received a donation to the DWA of £50 from Outfit	
	Moray following their Cairngorm to Coast event.	
6.2	Other Correspondence	
0.2	Mini Tractor	
	PM reported that Carlo Miele has contacted him to offer use of his	
	compact tractor for DWA works. The tractor is fitted with a front bucket	
	and backhoe. TT noted that ditching in the Clashdhu Cutting would be a	
	good test of the tractor's capabilities.	
7	Feedback	
7 7.1	Feedback Footfall Counters	
7.1	MC reported the following readings:	
	Dallas Dhu – 15/03/15 to 10/06/22	
	177,057 walkers (314,376 – 137,319)	
	27,364 cyclists (34,887 – 7,523)	

	Dunphail – 21/06/17 to 10/06/22	
	11,928 (19,001 – 7073)	
	Lochenoun	
	(not read)	
	Lynmore	
	(not read)	
7.2	Other; email, Facebook, etc.	
	(Nothing to report)	
8	Dava Way Merchandise	
8.1	Sales and Stock	
	Companions (NT) 10 Badges (MC) 15	
	Companions (NS) 18	
8.2	Ref 8.2: Action held over. NT will monitor sales of the Moray Way	
U. _	Companion is and DW Companion, then advise in Autumn '22 whether	
	another print run of the DW Companion is needed.	NT
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9	Dava Way Path Works and Projects	
9.1	Unplanned Work Since Last Meeting RR reported that on 07/06/22 he sprayed the Mannachie Ramp area.	
9.2	Planned Work Since Last Meeting	
3.2	Ref 9.3.1: TT reported that the following tasks were completed at the work	
	party held 21/05/22:	
	Culvert south of Dava	
	Removed material from ditch to drain the water that is	
	flooding the culvert.	
	 Inspected culvert structure for deterioration. 	
	 Wood lined ditches in Heatherbells Cutting. 	
	 Cleared some accumulated silt and vegetation growth. 	
	Action closed.	
9.3	Priorities for Next Work Party and Mini Work Parties	
9.3.1	TT proposed that the following tasks should be carried out at the next	
	work party, scheduled for 09/07/22:	
	 Dullicht Bridge to Lynmacgregor Lop overgrowth and assess for further vegetation cutback 	
	and/or grass cutting.	
	Lynmacgregor to Lynmore Bypass	
	Vegetation cutback and grass cutting.	
	Lynmore Bypass	
	 Strim edges and blow accumulated natural off path. 	
	Lynmore Bypass to Dragoon Crossing	
	 Vegetation cutback and grass cutting. 	
	TT/PB will make the necessary arrangements.	TT/PB
9.3.2	Ref 9.3.2: Action held over. PM or NS will treat the oak benches with teak	
0.0.0	oil when possible.	PM/NS
9.3.3	Ref 9.3.4: Action held over. NS will inspect the damage to the nose of the	NO
9.3.4	Dragoon sculpture and see what can be done to repair it.	NS
9.3.4	Ref 9.3.5: Action held over. NS will reattach the ear to 'Jess the dog' at Bogeney and repaint the sculpture.	NS
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9.4	Signage	
9.5	Ref 9.4.1: Action held over. PB will walk the Forres urban section of the DW, to ascertain if there are lamp posts or street signs at appropriate points along the route onto which DW route signage may be installed.	РВ
9.5.1	Tooling and Equipment Ref 9.5.1: Action held over. In Autumn 2022, TT, PB and PM will identify works suitable for a week-long digger trial, arrange a work party, and hire in a mini digger. TT noted this action may not be required if an earlier trial of Carlo Miele's	TT/PB/PM
9.5.2	tractor can be arranged and proves successful. Ref 9.5.2: Action held over. MC will contact Hamish Hope, the Factor at Altyre Estate, to discuss options for the disposal of spoil from the drainage	
9.5.3	and path surface improvement works in the Clashdhu Cutting. Ref 9.5.3: TT reported that PB has taken the ride-on mower to MacGregor Industrial Supplies (MIS) for repair. MIS have diagnosed a faulty electric clutch and have ordered a replacement. PB will monitor progress.	MC PB
9.6 9.6.1	DW Information Boards Replacement Project Ref 9.6: NS reported that he has discussed the proposed information board replacement project with Jan McPherson at the Finderne Development Trust (FDT). Action closed It was decided that the DWA should go ahead with the project, redesigning the boards and adding of QR codes linking to the DWA	NS
9.6.2	website. NS will coordinate the project. NT noted that it may be possible to obtain funding for the project from the Ian Findlay Foundation . NT will investigate this funding source.	NT NT
9.7 9.7.1	Dallas Dhu Access Ramp Improvement Project Ref 9.7.1: MC reported that he has written agreement to the project from Historic Environment Scotland and Altyre Estate. These parties will be contacted again formally as part of the Planning Application process. Action closed.	
9.7.2	Ref 9.7.2: MC reported that he has distributed copies of the options proposed by engineering consultancy Pell Frischmann (PF) for the replacement Dallas Dhu Ramp; the first is fully compliant with the Equalities Act 2010 and DfT document Inclusive Design and has an estimated cost just over £67,000 with the second option, though not fully compliant, aligned with the requirements for 'urban fringe' construction as detailed in the Fieldfare Trust – Countryside for All Guide and has an estimated cost around £50,000. Action closed.	
9.7.3	Several questions on the PF proposals were raised by the DWA Trustees during discussions by email. MC will obtain answers to these questions, so a decision on which option should be progressed can be made at the next DWA BoT meeting.	MC/All
9.8	Mannachie Avenue Steps Renovation Project Ref 9.8: Action held over. RR will arrange a work party in Autumn/Winter 2022 to renovate the Mannachie Avenue steps; RR will decide on the date and order the required materials. PM suggested that RR should contact Logie Sawmill to see if they come up with a low quote for supplying the required timber.	RR

9.9	AJ's Bridge Improvement Project Ref 9.9. Action held over. NS and RR will arrange a mini work party to	
	install the deck panels, using suitable fastenings provided by AJ Engineering.	NS/RR
9.10	Dava Way Upgrade Project Plan	
9.10.1	Ref 9.10.1: Action held over. TT will complete a redraft of the DWA Strategic Business Plan into the <u>Business Plan</u> format preferred by the National Lottery.	TT
9.10.2	Ref 9.10.2: Action held over. TT will work with the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA) to gather evidence from path users for the 'market	
9.10.3	appraisal' section of the Business Plan. Ref 9.10.3: Action held over. MC and MS will update the DWA Strategic Business Plan to include a funding strategy for the DW Upgrade Project	TT
9.10.4	Plan. Ref 9.10.4: Action held over. MC will contact the Dava community and arrange a 'walkabout' to explore alternative routes for the Dava Bypass, which can then be discussed with the landowners and Local Authority	MC/MS
9.10.5	Access Officers. Ref 9.10.5: MC noted the early stage of the project and proposed that the action to obtain an estimate from the Designer engaged to design the Dallas Dhu Ramp improvements, for the probable costs involved in taking the Dava Bypass Project and South Project to 'shovel ready' state be closed. Agreed unanimously. Action closed.	MC
10 10.1 10.1.1	Health and Safety Review of DWA Health and Safety Management System Ref 10.1.1: Action held over. MC will present the simplified DWA Health and Safety Policy document to NS for him to sign off. NS reported that there are still a few minor changes remaining to be made before he signs off the policy document.	MC/NS
10.1.2	Ref 10.1.2: Action held over. The DWA Equipment Custodians listed in the DWA Health and Safety Policy document will carry out risk assessments for the equipment they hold, identifying and documenting the appropriate control methods to be used. The completed risk assessments are to be added to the DWA Health and Safety Policy document.	Custodians /MC
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)	
10.4	First Aid Training	
10.4.1	Ref 10.4.1: Action held over. NS reported that he has met with Dave Brown of the Morayvia Aviation Museum (MAM) and Roy Hanes, the potential first aid training provider, to discuss the joint first aid training venture. NS will investigate the practicalities of this arrangement further and make a comparison with courses provided by commercial companies	
10.4.2	locally, e.g. Ace Adventures. Ref 10.4.2: MC reported that, following email agreement from the DWA Trustees, he has booked places on the Scotia Emergency First Aid at Work (EFAW) one day course to be held 18/06/22. Action closed.	NS
	MC will distribute final arrangements by email.	MC

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11	Dava Way Publicity	
11.1	DWA Website	
11.1.1	Ref 11.1.1: Action held over. MC reported that many of the problems with the DWA website that he has raised with Yellow Cherry Digital (YCD)	
	have still to be dealt with. MC will monitor progress.	мс
11.1.2	Ref 11.1.2: Action held over. MC will liaise with Tim Heaps and organise	IVIO
	further ad hoc meetings with the DWA Trustees to finalise the design and	
	content of the new DWA website.	MC
11.1.3	Ref 11.1.3: Action held over. MC will liaise with John Whitehead, view the	
	drone photos on offer and assess their suitability for display on the DWA	
44.0	website.	MC
11.2	DWA Facebook Group (Nothing to report)	
11.3	Local, Regional and National Publications	
11.0	(Nothing to report)	
11.4	External Websites and Social Media.	
	(Nothing to report)	
12	Funding Opportunities	
12.1	Tesco Bags of Help	
	Ref 12.1.1: Action held over. MC will ensure that the DWA comply with the	
	Terms and Conditions of the Tesco Bags of Help scheme and submit the	
	Project Completion Report once the grant has been spent, as requested	
	by Groundworks in their award letter. MC will submit the Project	
40.0	Completion Report, noting the spend on the Mannachie Ramp handrail.	MC
12.2	Give Back with Bell's Ref 12.2: Action held over. MC will ensure that the DWA comply with the	
	Terms and Conditions of the Give Back with Bell's scheme and submit the	
	Project Completion Report once the grant has been spent, as requested	
	by Groundworks in their award letter. MC will submit the Project	
	Completion Report, noting the spend on the panels for AJ's Bridge.	MC
12.3	Places Called Home	
	Ref 12.3: Action held over. NT will ensure that the DWA comply with the	
	<u>Terms and Conditions</u> of the <u>Places Called Home</u> scheme, as requested in the award email.	NT
12.4	Money for Moray	
12.4.1	Ref 12.4.1: MC reported that he and NT attended the Money for Moray	
	presentation ceremony, held 27/05/22 in the Lhanbryde Community Hall.	
	A cheque for £4,000 is on its way. Action closed.	
12.4.2	NT will ensure that the DWA comply with the Terms and Conditions of the	NIT
12 5	Money for Moray scheme, as requested in the award email.	NT
12.5	Other Sources of Funding (Nothing to report)	
13	DW Ghost Train Walk 2022	
13.1	Ref 13.2: MC reported that he has posted an appeal on Facebook, inviting	
13.2	those applicants not yet rebated to get in touch. Action closed. MC proposed 24-25/06/2022 as the date for the DW Ghost Train Walk	
10.2	2023. Agreed unanimously. MC will contact walking groups to give	
	advance notice of the event and, hopefully, avoid another clash with	
	similar events.	MC
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