



The work of the directors supports the environmental, social and economic wellbeing of the community of Alyth

Agenda for Meeting of Directors: 6.7.2020 7:00 pm via Zoom

1. Standing items/compliance

- a. Attendees/guests *Joined by Karen MacKenzie and Stuart Hunter*
- b. Minutes from last meeting *approved by all*
- c. Financial reports DW
- d. Comms report: *reviewed by all* KC

2. For discussion/decision/update (NB: * signals more info on the notes pages attached to this agenda)

- a. Resilience planning update: collaboration with ACSG * RYWT
Update attached
- b. Alyth Website *on hold for now* CS
- c. PKC Covid Survey* KC
Kevin to complete
- d. Regenerative Tourism: ADT support?* RYWT
Agreed and RYWT will liaise to offer letters of support
- e. Gift Aid* CS
*CS and KC to see if this can easily be added as a feature of our website and of the ACSG page, see update attached **Action** is for DW to see how labour intensive it is to process these payments and offer a proposal for whether or not we proceed given likely income over the next few years.*
- f. Climate Hub designation – support Coupar Angus?* KC
Agreed that we will let Coupar Angus take the lead and write letters of support if needed
- g. Climate Challenge Fund activities update* CS
See update, books ordered and almost ready to go. Two events now scheduled an in Eventbrite. Extension granted by CCF.
- h. Jubilee Park consultation, responses to public notice KC
After lively discussion we agreed that this may be something we need to take the lead on. NM to check in with developers to see what they plan to do with the public space that is part of Pitcrocknie (mandatory) KC to get in touch with Stephen Kane who may have some ideas for planning landscaping. DW to check in with Sustrans to see if our plans support their network. Walking and cycling track around the entire park that is fully accessible and links up the various walking paths through the town would seem to be the best starting project. All will report back on conversations at next meeting.
- i. Renewable energy for Alyth? CS

*Strong support for looking at options here—**action** to review the agreement with Temporis to see what efforts might conflict with that agreement. Quick early reading reveals that we are not permitted to fund anyone or anything that is anti-windfarms or renewables, but have not yet found mention of not funding renewable efforts. CS to check in with national organization on our options. RYWT to review agreement again.*

- j. Thoughts on organisations to help in future? Deferred to next agenda but agreed that all would be added to our newsletter list.*
- k. Grants for 2020, what next? NM, DW
Updated chart for all grants approved thus far is in dropbox, directors approved the recommendations of the independent panel. **Action** we need to recruit and train some new members of this panel. Agreed that we should discuss with Dot MacKenzie who heads the ACSG as she may have some thoughts on good prospects.*

3. Date and Times of Next Meetings Monday August 3rd, @ 7:00 pm via zoom unless otherwise notified

a) ACSG updates gathered from KT Garrett, Dot Mackenzie and RYWT

ADT has been supporting funding for and the more formal establishment of the Alyth Community Support Group. Dot Mackenzie has now agreed to be the chair, and we have a meeting of volunteers and newly appointed officers on the 13th of July. Here are some progress notes:

We are working with the Alyth Development Trust, the Alyth Youth Partnership and our local Co-op. Alyth Parish Church has allowed the ACSG use their rooms so that we have a place to store food for our primary activity, the food bank. We are working with the care provider at the supported housing in Burnside Court and St.Ninian's Road, with a local social worker and the Alyth Health Centre. We receive some referrals from the Council, but most referrals are from the Community. ADT approved reuse of some of the Micromastery grant to provide online services for mental health.

Currently, we distribute thirty-five 7-day food parcels each week (food banks usually issue 3-day parcels) that reach over 50 individuals. This is an average, but volumes are increasing each week. We create and distribute seventy activity packs for young children each week that includes a baking or cooking, a craft and an outdoor inspired activity.

The group has a Facebook page, which is where it originated, and a website that was created and is maintained by the Editor of the Alyth Voice. Both are updated with relevant information and signposts to other helpful material and organisations.

We also facilitate our elderly community members to maintain a telephone network that supports the most isolated by way of weekly phone calls.

ACSG Goals (under review)

- To make the food bank a permanent feature within Alyth with a view to transforming it to a local advice and support centre.
- To always 'Support Local', by buying as much as possible from local businesses and producers.
- Alongside ADT, to deliver a meaningful resilience plan for the town of Alyth with a flooding focus in the first instance.

ACSG and ADT members are now working with Perth and Kinross Council, SEPA, Scottish Natural Heritage, The Scottish Flood Forum and members of the community to agree and implement flood prevention measures in Alyth. To demonstrate the Community's commitment to addressing flooding, Alyth residents will be coming out every Saturday in July to litter pick the burn from 9am to 12 noon.

On ADT being one of the anchor organisations for the Resilience Plan

From extensive resilience research notes: In addition to formal and informal community activity, there is now a substantial body of evidence to support the view that those communities that are most effective in being able to self organise and respond to whatever challenges they might face, all have something in common. And that is the presence of a particular type of organisation (sometimes more than one, working in partnership) which sits under the control and ownership of local people. These organisations are typically well respected within the community and are considered to offer a degree of local leadership on behalf of others when representing the interests of that community to external stakeholders. These organisations may also own a range of community assets (land and buildings) and possess the means to generate their own independent income stream. Typically they play a supportive and nurturing role in relation to much of the informal local activity outlined above.

These organisations have come to be known as **Community Anchor Organisations**. A term first coined in 2004 in a UK Home Office report – Firm Foundations – SCA has consistently advocated for this concept to be incorporated into the developing national policy discourse around community empowerment and the renewal of local democracy.

c) Covid 19 Impact Survey

We have been asked to participate in this survey: To help everyone recover from the impacts of the COVID 19 virus, Perth & Kinross Council are embarking on a programme of recovery and renewal. We need to learn from the experiences of the pandemic and build an ever better Perth and Kinross with the people who live, work and invest here. We want to develop a stronger economy and become a more sustainable and prosperous place to live and work. To do this, we have to understand the impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and lockdown on our communities.

d) Regenerative Tourism/ Development Trust Roundtable collaborative work idea

Bill Taylor is working on regenerative tourism for our area as a volunteer of the Blairgowrie Development Trust. He writes: The 4 trusts would act as a catalyst for bring together interested parties to ‘re-boot’ tourism in East Perthshire. To this end each Trust is asked to submit a list of interested individuals (names and email addresses) to me (please use billtaylor@brdt.org.uk). I suggest that this should be by no later than the end of this month. These individuals should be people who either have an existing tourism business or who would have an interest in the future of tourism in East Perthshire. I would then contact them and seek agreement about a time to hold a forum on this subject with the ambition to get together a group to drive forward the future direction of the industry and how it links regionally and nationally.

We discussed the proposed pilot project ‘Tourism for All Our Tomorrows’ and it was unanimously agreed that the Trusts should support this work in principle. It was agreed that each Trust should send a letter of support to Clare Cooper as this would help demonstrate specific community support, from the key anchor organisations, to potential regional and national funders. Regenerative Tourism paper attached.

e) Taking advantage of Gift Aid for donations to ACSG Foodbank projects

Cathy has had the smart idea of using Gift Aid to maximise income for Alyth Food Bank. Could we add a Donate page to our website? There are several Wordpress plugins that are designed to do the heavy lifting for Gift Aid HMRC reporting. You can read a bit about Gift Aid [here](#)

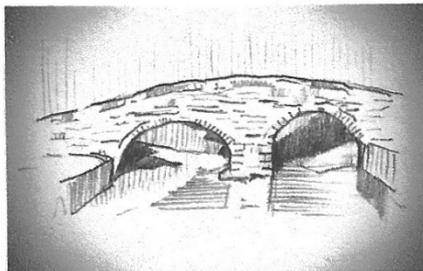
f) Community Climate Action Hubs

DTAS has recently been contacted by the Scottish Government regarding its plans to develop a network of regional hubs as part of the [new model for community climate action in Scotland](#). This has been delayed somewhat by the lockdown, but the Government has now published a Prior Information Notice (PIN) on the Public Contracts Scotland website to allow organisations to express their interest being one of these regional hubs.

Alongside the PIN, the Scottish Government has issued a Request for Information (RFI) that sets out, very broadly, the role that it envisages the hubs fulfilling. The RFI sets out a number of questions and the Government is asking that anyone with an interest in community climate action responds to this call.

DTA Scotland will be drafting a response and we would encourage all members with an interest in this area to do the same. The deadline for responses is the 17th of July 2020 **NB Coupar Angus Dev Trust would like to be our area hub and have asked us to supply letters of support.**

g) Story Box bookplate design



Alyth Story Box Book
Local learning for sustainability

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to a friend in town
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