

DDT environment Group Meeting
Tuesday 25th January 2011

Note of Meeting

Attendees : Monica Cessford, Sheila Frize, Bridget Clark, Alison Brown, Morag Watson and Janice Stewart.

Apologies : Libby Hughes and Lorna Inglis.

1. Memorial Park : Janice reported that we had received a grant from Paths for All to buy blades for repairing the paths. This was conditional on removing the edging. She had attempted to contact Richard Barron and David Crighton, both Stirling Council, to get their guidance. So far there had not been any reply. It was thought the reorganisation may be affecting contact. Bridget indicated that she has been to a cycling planning meeting in Stirling which hopes to set up working groups - including one to improve the infrastructure for cycling. She feels that Dunblane needs a voice on this group and will attend. She has completed a report on Dunblane Area path infrastructure from the community consultations for the Green Travel map and is circulating this to key groups to help progress the recommendations. The group felt that it would be useful for the map to be displayed outside in Dunblane - Dunblane Station and top of High Street were discussed.

ACTION : Bridget will pursue signage with Network Rail/First Scotrail

The notice boards around Dunblane are to be investigated as possible areas to promote use of paths.

ACTION : Janice to try and organise meeting with Stirling Council representatives as soon as possible. She hopes to have a number of the group involved.

The British Legion have shown an interest in being involved. The Boys' Brigade have offered help.

ACTION : Janice to pursue this.

It was decided that a way to raise money for doing some planting is by promoting a " Sponsor a Plant" or " Buy the bulbs for a particular area" initiative at the Fling in May. Dunblane in Bloom would need to be kept in the discussions of this idea.

A litter pick in early April was agreed. This is part of the biannual litter pick suggested previously.

More Dog Bins around the park was raised and will be part of discussions with the council.

2. Playparks The issue of the Millrow carpark extension was discussed. There is no timescale as far as we know so it was decided to continue with the plan to refurbish the train and swings. The idea of making the train into a “Thomas” character was liked.

ACTION : Monica to talk to the paint experts of the Midweek group to find out what is needed.

Once this information is found, the group will consider asking DIY firms for paint sponsorship.

3. High Street. Morag is to meet with the High Street Traders Association as soon as her commitments allow. This will be with a view of the traders taking ownership of the upgrade. At that point money will need to be found. Lottery funding is a possibility
4. Date of next meeting : 14th February 2011 at 7.30 p.m.. in Braeport Office.