

**LAIGHILLS PARK
MASTERPLAN PROGRESS STEERING GROUP**

MINUTES OF MEETING NO.	3
JOB TITLE:	Laighills Park Masterplan
LOCATION:	Dunblane
PLACE OF MEETING:	Local Office
DATE/TIME OF MEETING:	Thursday 31 st October 2013 10:30am
PURPOSE:	Masterplan
1.0 PRESENT:	
NAME:	COMPANY/GROUP
Monica Cessford	Dunblane Development Trust
Dougall Thornton	Dunblane Development Trust
Alan Booth	Dunblane Community Council
Councillor Mark Ruskell	Stirling Council
Donna Mills (Chair)	Land Services, Assistant Project Officer
Laura Anderson	Land Services Support Officer
Jonathan Clarkson	Connon Design
Bob Connon	Connon Design
APOLOGIES:	COMPANY/GROUP
NAME:	
Councillor Graham Houston	Stirling Council
Terence O'Byrne	Dunblane Community Council
Guy Harewood	Land Services, Biodiversity Officer
Nicole Paterson	Land Services
Colin Mackay	Land Services
Craig Gardner	Land Services

2.0	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS	ACTION
2.1	DM welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Laura Anderson (LA) to the group. DM invited everyone to introduce themselves, as it was LA's first meeting.	Note
3.0	MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
3.1	4.18 DM updated that the flood report for the River Allan covers the Bridge of Allan area, but doesn't cover the Dunblane area. There is no definite timescale for a study of this area to be carried out.	Note
3.2	4.19 JC advised that he has spoken with Stirling Council Countryside team, they have carried out a study of the Giant Hogweed in the council area. The study will provide details of the affected areas within Laighills Park and the extent of the problem.	Note
4.0	PARK, VISION, AIMS & OBJECTIVES	
4.1	JC had issued the draft park vision, aims and objectives prior to the group prior to the meeting. JC welcomed feedback on the draft document.	Note
4.2	AB questioned some of the language that is being used. JC advised	

	that this is a draft document, the language will be simplified so that is easily understood by a wide audience.	Note
4.3	AB asked that the possible designation of a Local Nature Reserve be mentioned in the document. JC advised that, this could be included along with the Green Flag award and Climate Change Park.	Note
4.4	MR highlighted that it would be useful to have some usage statistics for the park, before deciding on the aims/objectives.	Note
4.5	DM asked the group to email JC/DM with any changes / recommendations.	ALL
5.0	CONNON MASTERPLAN UPDATE	
5.1	JC provided a power point presentation with an update on the overall progress of the Masterplan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Phase 1 habitat survey report will be available shortly - The engineers are working on the report on the access bridge, railway bridge and main path - Everyone has been very helpful with requests for baseline information gathering. If anyone has anything else that they think would be relevant, please pass this to JC. 	All
5.2	DT intimated that it was important to promote Laighills Park from other areas of Dunblane. Some existing directional signage is labelled 'The Haugh' rather than 'Laighills Park'.	Note
5.3	JC has been in contact with Bridget Clark who has done a lot of work on potential cycle networks through the park. Possible funding bids have also been looked at. Wide community consultation will evidence if this is a priority for the community and the park.	Note
5.4	DT advised that it would be useful to consult with Tom McKenzie from Allan Water Angling. MC to provide JC with contact details.	MC
5.5	AB asked if park usage surveys would be carried out. JC advised that they will do what they can within the remit of the Masterplan brief. The group advised that they would be happy to assist with detailed counts if this was required.	Note
5.6	MR highlighted that the park is disconnected. Some users are attracted to the play area/skatepark but don't necessarily use the wider park. Mains Farm in Thornhill has a good example of a bike track.	Note
5.7	MC felt that it would be useful to have some interpretation about the area of the park that used to be a golf course.	Note
6.0	AOCB	
6.1	MC provided a list of additional local organisations which would be useful for the wider community consultation. DM to add these to the existing stakeholder list and pass to JC.	DM

7.0	DATE OF NEXT MEETING 10:30am Thursday 12 th December 2013 Local Office, Dunblane	All
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