

Minutes of BCCPRG Committee (Zoom) Meeting held on Monday 10/7/23 @ 7pm

Present: Sally, Audrey, Catherine, Gillian

Apologies: Robert, Karon, Maurice.

Mins proposed by Catherine, seconded Audrey.

Committee agreed unanimously to co-opt Robert onto the Committee, lead role - funding applications.

Audrey will circulate a standard template for conducting our AGM on 8/8/23.

BCCPRG convey their thanks to Ian Bain, WDC, Greenspace Manager for paying for our Public Liability Insurance.

Still awaiting response from Mr Bain to Audrey's email concerning a draft partnership agreement and FIRNS.

Jackie Baillie, MSP, has offered to Chair a short life working group with WDC. Proposed date, 26/7/23 @ 11am.

Joint event with MAC, WDC Park Ranger on 28/7/23 12 - 2, flyers, Wishing Well.

Obus, Karon, Sally and Gillian will attend, meeting at Castle at 11.30 to set up.

Visitor Count to be carried out at same time if HYS can help.

Sally and Audrey met up with Dr Heather Reid, LLTNP Board Convenor for a walk around the Park, drawing her attention to invasive species and decline of built assets.

Sally also spoke with Dr Reid about the potential gains that could be made in tackling ASB and encouraging people to use sustainable transport by investing in the train service to Balloch, employing a knowledgeable conductor and branding the train with LLTNP images etc.

Maurice attended the multi-agency meeting called by Jackie Baille, MSP, to discuss issues with ASB in Balloch and Balloch Park. The Big Noise Project, Raploch was discussed as an example of tackling ASB, in our case could we educate people through nature. Why come to the park to drink?

Sally and Audrey met with Rami, CEO, CHAS, he is happy to engage with us and encourage his volunteers to get involved with our group.

Could we make the Park more accessible for disabled Park users, better paths, Sensory Garden. Can we use a partnership with ChAS to prick the conscience of people causing ASB.

Nathalie, Grand Bequests, has contacted us again re Win an Architect competition, we had suggested Dr Katherine Gunderson contact Mr Bain directly, Sally will phone Katherine to invite her to be a guest speaker at our AGM.

Treasurer's Report.

Balance £1270.28, £500 ring fenced for promotional film.

Catherine stated she will have accounts signed off for the end of July 23.

Constitution updated and now with OSCR.

Next meeting Tuesday 1/8/23 at 7pm (Zoom) to discuss final arrangements for AGM.