

**Minutes of BCCPRG Meeting held on Tuesday 11/4/23 at 7pm  
in the Balloch House Hotel**

**Present:** Sally, Audrey, Catherine, Angela, Chris, Ian Adam, Karon, Obus.

**Apologies:** Maurice, Mark, Colin, Karn, Aileen Suter

**Update on Slipway Café and toilets.**

Members of the Committee attended a Teams meeting with Peter Hessett, WDC Chief Executive, Michelle Lynn, WDC Assets Officer and Ian Bain, WDC Greenspace Manager on 9/3/23. Michelle advised that the Slipway Café will be going out to tender and hopefully operating by the summer, she also stated she had been in talks with LLTNP about mobile catering units having pitches in the Park, hopes to get a process in place for this.

**Treasurer's Report**

Charitable status application is ongoing, awaiting a response from OSCR.

Balance - £1564.28

£2400 was paid to Colin Liddell as a consultancy fee for the preparation of our Restoration Plan.

£100.72 paid for Zoom License.

It was agreed we would donate £250 to The Fisheries Trust for their help with our Restoration Plan.

We will move forward with the production of a film to be used for fundraising purposes; this will focus on the challenges we face in the Park. Turkey Red Media have quoted approx. £500. Karon will take this forward.

Discussion about the need for a Waste Disposal Facility for campervans in Balloch. Sally to progress this.

**Riverwoods Update**

Audrey advised the group that we had been unsuccessful with our application, feedback expected tomorrow which we will use to move forward. Sally will prepare an email to send out to all stakeholders who supported our application.

**Keep Scotland Beautiful.**

Barry from KSB had visited the Park on 4/4/23, he was very impressed with the Park and could see massive potential. They are unable to provide any funding but will consider using the Park in the future for a future Campaign Launch.

## **The Big Help Out.**

Karon will register us to raise awareness and hopefully encourage new members to our group.

## **FIRNS (Facility for Investment Ready Nature in Scotland)**

Sally and Catherine attended a Webinar about stakeholder engagement. Audrey will register with them this will give us access to other organisations who could help us to move forward.

## **Governance**

Audrey suggested we start to consider other documents we may need eg. Handling complaints etc.

Audrey appealed to members of the group to consider joining the Committee.

11/9/23 was agreed as the date for our AGM, a tent at the Stable Block in the Park was considered as a venue.

Another visitor count will be carried out on Bank Holiday Monday 1/5/23, 2pm to 4pm.

Gillian to contact other organisations to find out how often they carry out visitor counts.

Gillian to contact Heritage Lottery Fund to invite them to a meeting in the Park to discuss our aims and objectives with a view to making a funding application to HLF.

Obus will construct a spreadsheet to hold members' contact details.

We will take a stall at The Lomond Church Eco Fair on 10/6/22, volunteers required to man the stall and we will need posters and flyers.

Round 3 of the Government's Levelling Up Fund will open soon.

Sally will contact Peter Hissett to arrange a walk round the Park and will raise this with him.

Meeting arranged with David Adams McGilp, Regional Director, Industry and Destination Development, Marine and Coastal Tourism Lead, Visit Scotland on 27/4/23, time agreed for 11am, Sally confirmed you would attend.

Visit Scotland has a fund "Strategic Tourism Development Fund" which can be accessed by LLTNP and WDC for improvements to visitor facilities. Gillian has emailed Michelle Lynn at WDC she said she would look into this and feedback to us, Gillian to contact Michelle for an update

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