

MINUTES OF BALLOCH CASTLE COUNTRY PARK REGENERATION GROUP MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11/7/22 AT 7PM IN THE BALLOCH HOUSE HOTEL

PRESENT: Sally Page, Maurice O'Donohue, Audrey Baird, Gillian Clark, Sylvia Morrison, Mark Newall, Obus Jack, Matthew and Mairi,

Gillian Neil, WDC Biodiversity Officer and Michelle Lynn, WDC Assets Officer.

Previous minutes approved by Sally and seconded by Audrey.

Gillian Neil gave us an overview of her role within WDC. Tree planting regime, meadow planting and invasive plant management are now in place, taken from Woodland Management Plan. She agreed that invasive conifers were an issue, volunteers currently working on removal of Western Hemlock. WDC are currently trialling nonchemical eradication of bamboo near Walled Garden, if successful will be expanded to other areas of bamboo within the park.

Gillian will supply a list of what needs taken forward from Woodland Management Plan and let us know what has already been done.

WDC have a Police Liaison Officer, we can also speak to LLTNP to find out how their Rangers operate.

Contact Police to find out if they can give us a breakdown of incidents/crimes committed in the Park.

Maurice will be meeting with Street Connect, an organization dealing with recovering drug users.

Men's Sheds are interested in refurbishing picnic benches. Michelle Lynn agreed to get them additional workspace to accommodate this project.

Sally agreed to contact Ian Bain to see if a public event could be organized to coincide with Love Your Parks Week 29/7/22 to 5/8/22.

BHCC to take forward bigger and extra litter bins in park and Balloch (Kelvingrove Park have installed partly submerged bins).

Update from Michelle:

Slipway Café will be going out to tender, Michelle to liaise with Sally.

Castle, windows to be replaced, will go out to tender and possibly some work to be done inside. WDC to investigate future uses.

North Lodge is one of 31 tied properties in WDC area, WDC Legal Team are currently going through legal documentation to see what can be done with these properties.

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