

Minutes of Balloch Castle Country Park Regeneration Group Committee Meeting  
held on Monday 12/6/23 (Zoom)

Present: Audrey, Catherine, Robert, Karon, Aileen, Gillian

Apologies: Sally, Maurice.

Previous Minutes approved by Audrey, seconded by Robert.

List of meeting dates agreed.

Co-opting Robert onto the Committee carried forward to the July Committee meeting as quorum not present.

AGM, date agreed as 8/8/22, 7pm, Balloch House Hotel.

Public Liability Insurance quote £265.45, Keegan & Pennykid, Ian Bain, WDC, Greenspace Manager, has agreed to pay this for us for the first two years, quote to be forwarded to him.

Meeting to be set up with Ian Bain to agree the way ahead, discuss the set up of a partnership agreement.

ECOFAIR at Lomond Church on 10/6/23 was a valuable event, people we spoke to were supportive of our aims. Separate document attached

[Ecofair](#)

We need to compose a schedule of community engagement events for the year ahead. We will organise an event for Love Your Park Week, Karon will check with Park Ranger, MAC, if WDC has registered and organise the event. Volunteers will be required, date to be agreed.

Memorandum of Understanding to be drawn up between BCCPRG and WDC, Audrey will take this forward. Robert suggested we send it to Peter Hessett, Chief Executive, WDC and sidecopy Ian Bain, check with Sally for her views.

Nathalie Telfeyan, Grand Bequest, gave us a short overview on a competition they were interested in entering for Balloch Castle to "Win an Architect", closing date is 31/7/23. We will need to discuss with WDC before we progress.

Slipway Cafe update from Michelle Lynn, WDC, Assets Officer. There is an issue with the electricity supply feed which needs to be resolved before it can go out to tender. Mobile catering units, “ It is not something we would want to explore at present until the slipway was let as they would be in direct competition”, there is the possibility of the Moss o Balloch being used for this purpose.

Do we want to arrange another meeting with David McEwan, GCC, Divisional Director, Property, Housing and Major Projects/ Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

FIRNS update, WDC do not wish to partner us in our bid.  
We will need to consider new sources of funding.

#### Treasurer's Report

Balance £1270.28, £500 ring fenced for film.

OSCR, Constitution still to be updated, deadline 10/7/23.

#### Priorities moving forward

Set up a meeting with Ian Bain, Robert will draw up an agenda, everyone can contribute.

Determine who will be our single point of contact in WDC.

Audrey gave an update on her meeting with Forestry Consultant, David Eadie. Woodland Improvement Funding via Scottish Forestry and Rural payments could fund the update of the BCCP Woodland Management Plan, funding for the ongoing implementation to tackle INNS and improvements to signage, paths and benches.

Website/ Social Media/ traditional media - Volunteers required to take this forward.

#### Priorities for the Group

2 more committee members.

1 for Communications/ Newsletter.

Building a working partnership with WDC.

Date of next Committee Meeting Zoom, 11/7/23 at 6.30pm



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