

BALLOCH CASTLE COUNTRY PARK REGENERATION GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 29/4/25 (via Teams)

Present: Sally, Audrey, Matt, Gillian Apologies: Cara

Sally welcomed all to the meeting.

Previous minutes proposed by Sally, seconded by Matt.

Flags Project

Laura will meet with Ian Bain to try out a template for the Flags and Ian will decide which material will be the most suitable Mesh or PVC.

Target date for installation mid/late May.

Laura is also in discussion with Ian Bain about Phase 2 on the Main Avenue.

Parks4All – Community Fund Application

Provisional date for our “Arty in the Park” event now 21/6/25 to allow time for a decision on our application.

Sally has been in contact with WDC Libraries, they could possibly provide someone for storytelling. Matt has also been in touch with storytellers and a Willow Weaver. Laura is happy to cover the Arts project on the day. Fraser McLaurin is also interested in being involved.

Matt will meet up with Sandra Anton, WDC Community Engagement Ranger, next Thursday to discuss the event.

Foyer Information Display

Sally has been in contact with SCENE and Fraser McLaurin to discuss their potential input.

Matt will draw up a Briefing for Sally and Laura to meet up and discuss.

Action Plan

Matt will update with Audrey's suggestion of the Flags Project and Foyer Information Display.

Sally has been in contact with a Landfill Fund to discuss a funding application to refurbish the Kiosk. They have stated that if the Kiosk failed as a business we would have to repay the Grant.

Sally will clarify the details of this with them.

We will meet up with Tony from the Slipway Café to discuss our proposal for the Kiosk.

Presentation to Councillors

Sally has written to Peter Hessel, WDC CEO, for permission to give a presentation to WDC Regeneration Committee on 21/5/25.

Sally will write to Councillor David McBride, Chair of the Regeneration Committee, to outline our presentation.

Audrey suggested that Katherine Gunderson, Grand Bequests, could prepare a mockup of how the North Lodge could look.

Sally will contact Katherine.

Development Officer

Matt investigating, carried forward to next meeting.

We will be attending the HLF Webinar on Thursday 15/5/25 at 2pm.

North Lodge

No response to our emails from Michelle Lynn.

Treasurer's Report

Balance £3634.83.

Handover of Treasurer's role ongoing.

Website

Matt has had a look at our website layout and will suggest some changes to be made, also looking at the addition of a Donate button, will feedback at our next meeting.

Audrey has written a Blog about the Flags Project.

MOU to be uploaded to website, Sally will arrange.

Membership

We need to clarify how we define our members, comments to be feedback to Gillian.

Development Trust

Lynne Somerville, Chair of Balloch and Haldane Community Council, has asked for our support on the setting up of a Development Trust.

Lynne to be invited to our next Trustees meeting to discuss it further.

AOB

At our next Partnership meeting we will propose the possibility of Business sponsorships.

DONM Thursday 5/6/25, 7pm, Balloch House Hotel (Members)