

Balloch Castle Country Park Regeneration Group

Minutes of meeting held on 3/7/25 (via Teams)

Present: Sally, Audrey, Gillian, Cara, Kayleigh- Clydesiders Magazine

Apologies: Matt

Sally welcomed everyone to the meeting.

June meeting minutes proposed by Cara, seconded Audrey.

3. Matters Arising - Gillian to contact Michael Mason as he had offered to edit Membership Form at our June meeting.

4. HLF

Audrey, Sally and Michael Mason will get together to discuss our proposed application and Mary Sweetland has offered to mentor Sally through the application. Sally will contact Stephen Burns, WDC Community Officer, to ask how he can help with our HLF Presentation to WDC.

Decision still needs to be made as to who will employ our Development Officer, also need to find a use for the North Lodge.

10. Clydesider Heritage Project

Kayleigh from Clydesiders Magazine provided an overview on the Project, a multimedia project concentrating on Community Activism. Bi-Monthly Heritage meetings are currently held for local groups, the next meeting is in September.

A Heritage Festival will be held May 2026 to which we will be invited, some funding could be available.

Sally will forward the History of the Park article to Kayleigh.

5. Foyer Display

Six potential panels have been discussed, Matt, Sally and Laura will meet up next Thursday to discuss further. The aim of the panels are to show our progress and how we have worked with other organisations and their work.

We need to think about how we can motivate people to get involved, donate, fundraise, lobby.

6 Flags Project, Phase 2.

Sustrans are sending a plaque, for display in the Park, crediting them for funding the first phase of the Flags Project.

Laura is speaking to Contractors for costings for the proposals for Phase 2 and WDC are currently assessing where they all could be located.

Funding opportunities will need to be sourced, Sustrans are happy to consider another application.

7. Website Updates

Cara will speak to Matt about the donation facility for our website.

Cara will look at updating the website, Trustee information needs tidying up, she will send out any new info for approval before making changes.

Sally will write a Blog about the signing of the MOU and we all need to produce articles for the website.

9. Co-op Community Causes.

We will need to think of a project, funding available is £1000 to £2000, available November 26.

This could also be an opportunity to raise our local profile if we were to be chosen as one of their three local member charities.

Cara will fill in the application form.

8. Governance

OSCR needs to be updated with our Trustee details, Gillian will progress, needs to be added to OSCR online as a Charity User, Matt to action.

Audrey will look at the Constitution and advise any required changes.

11. Donations

Carried forward.

12. Treasurer's Report

To be advised

13. Feedback from Loch Lomond 10K Event.

Well organised event with some engagement.

14. AOB

Sally will be attending a Teams Meeting with Peter Hessett, WDC CEO, where he will update her on his meeting with Dr Heather Reid, LLTNP.

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