Minutes of Balloch Castle Country Park Regeneration Group held on Tuesday 4/10/22 at 7pm in the Balloch House Hotel

Present: Sally, Trevor, Audrey, Karen, Brian, Gillian

Apologies: Obus, Catherine, Susan Gray, WDC Education Dept,

Jamie Ormiston, Keep Scotland Beautiful.

Sally welcomed Karen to our meeting and gave her an overview of our Group.

Previous mins approved Sally and seconded by Brian.

Group to carry out a survey to get an up-to-date assessment of visitor numbers to the Park, starting October School week 15/10/22 and 22/10/22, 11am to 3pm, will do further surveys next Easter and Summer.

Keep Scotland Beautiful and Education Dept carried over to next meeting, look at partnership working towards Green Flag Award.

Karen also mentioned we could also consider the John Muir Award.

Meeting set up with Leigh Hamilton, LLTNP, next Tuesday to discuss Rangers for Park to try and deal with anti-social behaviour. - Gillian

Meeting to be arranged with David Eadie to go through Management Plan. Estimated cost of updating plan, £7000, need to identify funder. - Sally

Meeting to be requested with Gillian Neil, WDC Biodiversity Officer, to go through Management Plan to tick off what has been completed on it. - Gillian

Several issues still outstanding with Michelle Lynn, WDC Assets Officer continue to chase up. - Gillian

Audrey gave us an overview on Riverwoods Project, active in England but now looking for projects in Scotland. Funding could cover employment of Development Manager, will need WDC approval. Audrey will draft out a proposal for initial application. -Sally/Audrey.

We need to build up our general membership of our group, need to consider issues regarding holding members contact details. Sally will contact WDC CVS for guidance.

Date of next meetings

Committee members meeting Sally, Catherine, Audrey, Maurice, Gillian

Monday 24/10/22 @ 7pm Zoom.

General meeting Monday 14/11/22, 7pm, Balloch House Hotel.

Meeting closed.